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# Obligationes pro Annatis Diocesis Fernensis, 1413-1524

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## 1413

1. Die vii dicti mensis Augusti Thomas Onuallan, principalis, obligavit se pro annata perpetue vicarie parrochialis ecclesie de Magdacond Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus xii marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per non promocionem Odonis Ofergail ; sibi collate apud Sanctum Antonium extra muros Florent., viiii Kal. Augusti, anno quarto. (*Diversor. Joh. XXIII*, 1413, f. 156)

## 1413

2. Eadem die [viii Aug.] Dyonisius Macclerich, principalis, obligavit se pro annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie de Kyllphibi Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus xiiii marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per mortem Johannis Brun extra Curiam ; sibi collate apud Sanctum Antonium extra muros Florent., viiii Kal. Augusti, anno quarto. (*Ibid.*, f. 156)

## 1413

3. Die xviii dicti mensis [Aug.] Nicolaus Alhart, principalis, obligavit se pro annata thesaurarie ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus xx marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per mortem Nicolai Brounde infra tres dietas legales a Curia ; sibi collate Rome apud S. Petrum, x Kal. Septembris, anno tercio. (*Ibid.*, f. 157)

1. Magdacond, i.e., Magh-da-chon, now Moyacomb, in the modern parish of Clonegal, co. Carlow. The old parish of Moyacomb comprised parts of Carlow, Wicklow and Wexford. For further information on Thomas Nolan cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 428, viii. 564.

2. Kyllphibi, i.e., Kilpipe, co. Wicklow, forming part of the united parishes of Annacurra and Killaveny. Hogan, *Onomasticon*, p. 209, tentatively identifies Kilpipe with the *Cellpichi ecclesia* of the diocese of Glendalough referred to in a document of Alexander III dated 1179, printed in Gilbert's edition of *Crede Mihi*, p. 7. The name appears as Kilphebe in the Down Survey. Cf. also *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 428.

3. Alhart is probably a rendering of Aluard or Aylward. In 1407 Nicholas Alhart was rector of St. Mary's chapel, Bennettsbridge, diocese of Ossory ; later he was rector of St. Columba's, Clonmore, diocese of Armagh. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 118, 120. 'Infra tres dietas legales a Curia'—'within three days' journey of the Curia': cf. Du Cange, s. v.

## 1421

4. Die octava eiusdem [Oct.] Johannes Mothill, prior de Kell, Ossoriensis diocesis, procuratorio nomine, prout publico constabat instrumento, obligavit se Camere, nomine Wellelimo Baret, super annata parrochialis ecclesie de Kilscuran Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus xv marcarum argenti communi extimacione, vacantis per assecucionem vicarie eiusdem, seu [per] constitutionem *Execrabilis* dicti Willelimi etc., collate eidem Rome etc., iiii Idus Maii, anno quarto. Item pro fructibus male perceptis ex dicta parrochiali ecclesia composuit se cum Camera pro xl florenis Camere, pro quibus se obligavit coram Lophardo ad solvendum in Curia infra unum annum. De mandato D. Vicecamerarii. Ita fuit. M. Simon. (*Diversor. Mart.* V, 1421-3, f. 48)

## 1421

5. Die Veneris, decima mensis Octobris etc. Dominus Johannes Mothill, Canonicus Regularis prioratus de Kell, Ossoriensis diocesis, procurator, et procuratorio nomine Domini Willelmi Baret, rectoris et vicarii parrochialis ecclesie de Kilscuran, Fernensis diocesis, de cuius procuracionis mandato constat manu Stephani Claing, clerici Fernensis diocesis, notarii publici, scripto et publicato die xxv mensis Novembris mccccxx proxime lapso, obligavit se dicto nomine pro quadraginta florenis auri de Camera, solvendis infra hinc et unum annum proxime futurum, hic in Romana Curia, sive [in] Camera Apostolica, pro fructibus male perceptis per ipsum dominum Willelmum ex rectoria et vicaria predictis. Submisit se etc. Renunciavit etc. Et iuravit. Et venerabilis vir Dominus Symon de Novaria, clericus Camere, de mandato Reverendissimi Domini Vicecamerarii, ut dixit, tulit sentencias in scriptis. Actum Rome apud S. Mariam Maiorem, in Thesauraria, presentibus Magistro Ludolpho Robring, notario dicte Camere, et Domino Johanne Emenroed, Scriptorum annatarum et Sigillifero etc., et me Lophardo, notario. (*Diversor. Mart.* V, 1419-25, f. 49)

## 1422

6. Eadem die [ultima Aug.] Laurencius Bosscher, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata archidiaconatus ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus x librarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum

4, 5. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 173, 176, x. 430. Kilscuran is in the modern parish of Tagoat. The name Claing is unusual, and it is difficult to suggest a modern equivalent. Cf. P. H. Hore, 'The Barony Forth,' in *The Past*, i. 72, where there is record that in 1409 one Roger Gryt complained that James Cloyng and others intruded on his lands at Tacumshin. Cf. also the pardon issued to David Claing of Cork, weaver, in *Cal. fiants, Ire., Eliz.*, in *P.R.I. rep.* D. K. 13, p. 70.

6, 7. The surname Buser is still found in co. Wexford. Banna, i.e., Bannow, parish of the diocese of Ferns.

Nicolai Cok extra Curiam ; collati eidem Tibure, ii Kal. Augusti, anno quinto. Item pro fructibus male perceptis ex archidiaconatu ecclesie Clonensis et perpetua vicaria parrochialis ecclesie de Banna, Fernensis diocesis, concordavit se pro xxiiii florenis Camere, pro quibus se obligavit die xii Septembris presentis anni mccccxxii ad solvendum in Curia, infra hinc et festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo futurum, coram Magistro Cyno. Ita est. (*Diversor. Mart.* V, 1421-23, f. 164)

#### 1422

7. Die xii mensis Septembris, Laurentius Bosscher, presbyter Fernensis diocesis, suo proprio et privato nomine principaliter pro seipso obligavit se pro fructibus per ipsum Laurentium ex archidiaconatu ecclesie Clonensis et perpetua vicaria parrochialis ecclesie de Banna dicte Fernensis diocesis, male perceptis, ad summam vigintiquatuor florenorum auri de Camera, quos eidem Camere solvere promisit usque ad festum Beati Johannis Baptiste proxime venturum. Se submisit, renunciavit, et iuravit in forma. Et Dominus Guillelmus de Prato, clericus Camere Apostolice, tulit sentencias in scriptis. Actum Tibure apud domum habitationis mei, notarii, presentibus Paulo de Broenipt et Jacobo de Eyck, clericis Leodiensis diocesis, etc., et me C. de Lambardis, notario. (*Diversor. Mart.* V, 1419-25, f. 56)

#### 1423

8. Eadem die [xxx Ian.] Hanrichus Macdubayll, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie de Killphibe, alias de Logan, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus x marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum Johannis Brwn extra Curiam ; collate eidem apud S. Petrum, v Idus Ianuarii, anno sexto. (*Diversor. Mart.* V, 1421-23, f. 214)

#### 1423

9. Die xx eiusdem [Feb.] Patricius Okirruain, rector parrochialis ecclesie de Carndbuga, Fernensis diocesis, tanquam principalis et privata persona, obligavit se Camere, nomine Odonis Okirruain, super annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie de Kyllchenil, dicte diocesis, cuius fructus xii marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per non promocionem Roberti Eduuard ; collate eidem Rome apud S. Petrum, xiiii Kal. Februarii anno sexto. Item promisit producere mandatum

8. Hanrichus MacDubayll, i.e., Henry Doyle. For Kilpipe see no. 2. Logan is a townland in the old ecclesiastical parish of Crosspatrick, which adjoins Kilpipe.

9. Okirruain, i.e., O Kirwan. Carndbuga is Carn Buidhe or Carnew, a village in the parish of Tomacork, co. Wicklow, diocese of Ferns. Kyllchenil is Kiltannel or Courtown, co. Wexford. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vii. 263, x. 400, and below, no. 37.

ratificationis infra x menses. (*Diversor. Mart. V*, 1421-23, f. 219)

#### 1425

10. Die xiiii dicti mensis Novembris Johannes Ocuyier, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie Sancti Petri de Balihuscard, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus duodecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum Richardi Reechy extra Curiam; collate eidem Rome, etc., vi Idus Novembris, anno septimo. (*Diversor. Mart. V*, 1424-7, f. 106)

#### 1427

11. Eadem die [xviii Martii] Richardus Smyche, precentor ecclesie Ossoriensis, tanquam principalis et privata persona, obligavit se Camere, nomine Johannis Chevir, super annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis et prebende de Ederdrome, in eadem, quorum fructus viginti marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per obitum Johannis Wychley extra Curiam; collatorum eidem Rome etc., iii Idus Februarii, anno decimo. Item promisit producere mandatum ratificationis infra annum. (*Diversor. Mart. V*, 1427-8, f. 10)

#### 1427

12. Eadem die [ii Maii] Willelmus Furlong, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie de Kynnegh, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus viginti marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum Nicholai Kenlys in Curia; collati eidem Rome etc., vi Kal. Maii, anno decimo. (*Ibid.*, f. 26)

#### 1428

13. Eadem die [xxvi Aprilis] Donaldus Okynach, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie de Carnbuega, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus vigintiquatuor marcarum sterlingorum

10. Balihuscard, i.e., Ballyhuscard, a few miles east of Enniscorthy. Parts of the old parish of Ballyhuscard lie in the modern parishes of Oulart, Monageer, and Oylegate. Ocuyier (or Ocryier) may be O Quinn; cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 399. Reechy (or Keechy) is not easily equated with any modern form. It may possibly be Roche.

11. Smyche, i.e., Smythe. Cf. *Obligationes pro annatis diocesis Dublinensis*, in *Arch. Hib.*, ii, appendix, p. 6; *Obligationes pro annatis diocesis Midensis*, in *De annatis Hiberniae*, i. 61, 92; Newport White, *Irish monastic and episcopal deeds*, p. 105. Chevir is Cheevers. Ederdrome is Edermine, an old parish on the east bank of the Slaney about four miles south of Enniscorthy.

12. Kynnegh, i.e., Kinnagh, parish of Tintern, diocese of Ferns. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vii. 168, 482. Kenlys does not appear to be a surname, but the form under which Kells, diocese of Ossory, appears in contemporary documents (Kenles, Kenlez, Kenlis, Kenllys, Kenlys). It is not unlikely that Nicholas got his name from his place of origin. A number of Ossory clerics had come to Ferns with Bishop Barret, who had come from Kells. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 40.



communi extimacione, vacature per privacionem Patricii Okyrngen fiendam ; collate eidem Rome etc., v Idus Aprilis, anno undecimo (Ibid., f. 134)

## 1428

14. Die xxiii eiusdem [Iulii] una bulla pro Johanne Tewle super capella de Ambroston, libera capella nuncupata, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus quinque marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, fuit restituta sine obligacione. (Ibid., f. 201)

## 1431

15. Dicta die [xii Maii] Helias Barlach, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata preceptorie [*recte*, precentorie] ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. xvi librarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per privacionem Richardi Smyche, extra Curiam faciendam ; collate eidem Rome etc., anno Incarnacionis Dominice mccccxxxi, iii Kal. Maii, anno primo. (*Annat. Eug.* IV, 1431-3, f. 25)

## 1437

16. Die xxvii eiusdem [Iulii] Patricius Maccaluard, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata decanatus ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. triginta marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacaturi per privacionem Thome Petite fiendam ; collate eidem Bononie anno etc. mccccxxvii, pridie Nonas Iulii, anno septimo. (*Diversor. Eug.* IV, 1436-9, f. 112)

## 1437

17. Dicta die [iii Sept.] Thomas Odruffthyn, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata monasterii Beate Marie Fernensis, ordinis Sancti Augustini, cuius fructus sexdecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacaturi per privacionem cuiusdam Patricii fiendam ; collati eidem Bononie anno ut supra [mccccxxvii], Idibus Iulii, anno septimo. Die xix Ianuarii, anno mccccxlviii, prefatus Thomas habuit

13. Carnbuega is Carnew, for which see above, no. 9. The name Okynach is consistently so spelled in all relevant documents, e.g., *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 13, 599. It is difficult to suggest the modern equivalent ; it may be Kenny. Okyrngen (or Okyrugen) is O Kirwan. For the reasons for his privation see *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 13.

14. Tewle, i.e., Toole. Ambroston is Ambrosetown, a civil parish in the barony of Bargo, between the parishes of Bannow and Rathangan. This entry is dated 1426 in the transcript, but from the source-reference this must be a slip for 1428.

15. Barlach is probably Barlow. In 1413 Elias Borlach was rector of St. Lenanus, Kilwelack, in Meath. *Cal. papal letters*, vi. 371.

16. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 651. ix. 420, 434.

17. Odruffthyn, i.e., O Druhan. 'Patricius' is Patrick Imurthy (O Morchoe, Murphy). Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 654, x. 306.

unum *Perinde valere* super dicto monasterio consimilis valoris, sub dat. Rome, anno mccccxlvii, undecimo Kal. Ianuarii, anno primo. (Ibid., f. 123)

## 1437

18. Dicta die [xxii Oct.] Laurencius Boscher, Archidiaconus Fernensis, et Johannes Purcel, rector ecclesie parrochialis Beate Marie Fernensis diocesis, ut principales et private persone, obligarunt se Camere, nomine Patricii Whytley, super annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis et prebende de Ederdrom, cui parrochialis ecclesia de Rathaspick dicte diocesis canonice est annexa, quorum fructus etc. tredecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per modum nove provisionis; collatorum eidem Bononie, anno etc. mccccxxxvii, iii Nonas Octobris, anno septimo. Et promisit dictus Johannes Purcel solvere dictam annatam hic in Curia infra sex menses proxime futuros. (Ibid., f. 139)

## 1437

19. Die xvii eiusdem [Oct.] una bulla pro Laurencio Boscher, super parrochiali ecclesia de Kilbewan, Fernensis diocesis, archidiaconatui ecclesie Fernensis unienda, cuius fructus etc. sex marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, restituta sine obligacione quia infra taxam. Ita est. J. de R. (Ibid., f. 251)

## 1439

20. Die viii eiusdem [Martii] Patricius Occurryn, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata prioratus Beate Marie de Glascarraig ordinis S. Benedicti, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus etc. quadraginta marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum quondam Andree Occurryn, extra Curiam defuncti; collati eidem Florencie anno ut supra [mccccxxxviii], iii Kal. Marcii, anno viii. Die ii Septembris 1444, dictus Patricius habuit unam bullam super eodem beneficio, per modum *Perinde valere*. (*Diversor. Eug.* IV, 1438-42, f. 41)

18. The parochial church of St. Mary was in Wexford. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 668. Cf. also *Obligationes pro annatis diocesis Waterfordiensis*, in *Arch. Hib.* xii. 2; *Lismorensis*, ibid., p. 16. Rathaspick is in the modern parish of Piercestown, about three miles south west of Wexford town.

19. Kilbewan is a scribal error for Kilkewan, i.e., Kilkevan, for which see *Cal. papal letters*, viii. 660.

20. Occurryn, i.e., Corrin or Curran. The ruins of the priory of Glascarrig stand in the townland of the same name in the parish of Ballygarret some seven miles south of Gorey. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, ix. 30; Pritchard, *History of St. Dogmaels*.



## 1440

21. Dicta die [xiii Maii] una bulla pro abbate et conventu monasterii Beate Marie de Tynternia alias de Voto, Cisterciensis ordinis, Fernensis diocesis, super parrochiali ecclesia de Kynnech dicte diocesis, cuius fructus etc. sex marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, eidem monasterio unienda, restituta sine obligacione quia infra taxam. (Ibid., f. 343)

## 1459

22. Die xxviii eiusdem [Oct.] una bulla pro David Obalgaid, super perpetua vicaria parrochialis ecclesie de Killantule, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus etc. octo marcarum sterlingorum etc., vacature per privacionem Philippi Olahasa extra Curiam faciendam, et sub dat. Mantue, quinto Kal. Octobris, anno secundo. (*Diversor. Pii II*, 1459-61, f. 189)

## 1461

23. Die xxi eiusdem Septembris Dermicius Oquiruuan, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata decanatus ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. viginti marcarum sterlingorum, vacantis per obitum Thome Petit, extra Curiam defuncti, et quem quidam Nicolaus Kethin per biennium et ultra detinuit, prout detinet occupatum; et collati eidem sub dat. Tibure, xi Kal. Septembris, anno tercio. (*Diversor. Pii II*, 1461-2, f. 7)

## 1461

24. Die viii eiusdem [Dec.] Dermicius Odruffyn, principalis, obligavit se Camere super annata cancellarie ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. decem marcarum sterlingorum, vacantis per privacionem Philippi Nagul, in forma iuris fiendam, et conferende eidem sub dat. sexto Kal. Octobris, anno quarto. (Ibid., f. 48)

## 1462

25. Dicta die [xviii Iulii] Richardus Bossher, presbyter Fernensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice, super annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis et prebende de Kyllawgym, in eadem ecclesia, quorum

21. For Kinnagh see no. 12 above, and *Cal. papal letters*, ix. 74. For the history of Tintern abbey see Hore, *History of the town and county of Wexford*, ii. 3-151.

22. Obalgaid, i.e., O Bolger. Killantule is Killancooley in the parish of Litter. Olahasa is O Lacy. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 711.

23. Oquiruuan (or Oquirunan) is O Kirwan. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 111 and no. 16 above.

24. Odruffyn, i.e., O Druhan. See nos. 28 and 30 below and *Cal. papal letters*, xi. 430, 596. Nagul (or Nogul), i.e., Nagle.

25. Kyllawgym seems to be the modern Killegney. The only other possible phonetic equivalent of Kyllawgym in the diocese of Ferns is Kilclogan (pronounced

cum annexa fructus etc. octo marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per promocionem Johannis Purcell ad ecclesiam Fernensem factam. Et mandatur sibi conferri sub dat. Viterbii, tercio Nonas Iulii, anno quarto. Restituta bulla sub huiusmodi obligatione, de mandato dominorum [de Camera Apostolica], quia in bulla fiebat mencio de intruso etc. (Ibid., f. 155)

## 1462

26. Dicta die [xxiiii Iulii] Johannes White, presbyter, vicarius ecclesie de Clomel, Lismorensis diocesis, ut principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice nomine Roberti Sucton, presbyteri, super annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis et prebende de Fydard, in eadem, cuius fructus etc. duodecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, certo modo vacantium etc. Et mandatur sibi conferri sub dat. in abbacia Sancti Salvatoris Clusinensis diocesis, Nonis Iulii, anno quarto. Dicta die solvit ex compositione florenos xv, ut ad Introitum. Dicta die dominus Franciscus de Ginuchiis, socius et institor Societatis de Spannochiis habuit dictam bullam super dictis canonicatu et prebenda. Et casu quo infra sex menses proximos restituat dictam bullam Camere, debet recuperare xv florenos quos solvit pro annata dictorum canonicatus et prebende, ut patet ad Introitum, fol. ccxii. (Ibid., f. 159)

## 1464

27. Dicta die [xxvi Maii] Donaldus Omurhi, principalis, obligavit se Camere, super annata monasterii Beate Marie Fernensis, ordinis Sancti Augustini, cuius fructus etc. xxviii marcarum sterlingorum, vacantis per privacionem Thome Odruhin, in forma iuris fiendam, et conferrendi eidem Tibure, Idibus Augusti, anno tercio. (*Diversor. Pii II*, 1464, f. 49)

## 1464

28. Dicta die [xvii Oct.] Dermitius Odruffin, clericus Fernensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice, super annata prioratus Beate Marie de Glasfarrgy, ordinis S. Benedicti, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus etc. quadraginta marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione,

'Killogan'), but whereas Kilclogan was a preceptory of the Knights Hospitallers, Killegney was a prebend of the diocese. Cf. *Cal. papal petitions*, i. 573.

In the royal visitation of 1615 Killegney appears as Killawgy. Hore, *History of the town and county of Wexford*, vi. 270. Cf. also *Cal. papal letters*, x. 181, 269, 271; xi. 193, 324, 329; xii. 25, 145, 146.

26. Sucton, i.e., Sutton. Fydard is Fethard, for the history of which see Hore, *History of the town and county of Wexford*, iv. 307-344. Cf. also *The Past*, iii. 72, and *Cal. papal letters*, x. 667, xi. 451.

27. Omurhi, i.e., O Murphy. See above, no. 17. For charges leading to the privation of Thomas O Druhan cf. *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 109.

28. Odruffin, i.e., O Druhan; cf. nos. 24, 30. Glasfarrgy is Glascarrig, cf. no. 20.

vacantis per obitum quondam Fergalli Ocurrin, extra Romanam Curiam deffuncti. Narrat intrusum. Videlicet de solvendo hic in Curia infra sex menses a die habite possessionis computandos. Et mandatur sibi conferri sub dat. Rome sextodecimo Kal. Octobris, anno primo. (*Diversor. Paul. II*, 1464-5, f. 19)

## 1477

29. Die xxvii dicti mensis Augusti Dominus Oddo Offerayille, clericus Fernensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice, pro annata rectorie parrochialis ecclesie Sancti Colmani de Senbolhoch Fernensis diocesis, que de iure patronatus laicorum existit; cuius fructus xii marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione; vacantis per devolutionem ad Curiam. Et mandatur provideri, vocato quodam intruso, sub dat. Rome pridie Idus Augusti, anno sexto. Et promisit solvere annatam dicte rectorie Camere Apostolice, hic in Curia, infra sex menses immediate a die habite possessionis computandos, sub penis Camere etc. Iuravit etc. Restituta [fuit bulla] de mandato, quia in bulla narratur intrusus etc. (*Diversor. Sixt. IV*, 1477-8, f. 53)

## 1477

30. Die predicta [xxviii Aug.] Dominus Dermittus Odruffyn, monachus monasterii Beate Marie de Glassarg, ordinis S. Benedicti, Fernensis diocesis, [obligavit se Camere Apostolice] pro annata monasterii Beate Marie Fernensis, ordinis S. Augustini, cuius fructus sedecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis per obitum quondam Thome Odruffyn, olim ipsius monasterii abbatis; extra Romanam Curiam defuncti. Et mandatur provideri dicto Dermittio de dicto monasterio, sub dat. Rome pridie Kal. Augusti, anno sexto. Et promisit solvere annatam dicti monasterii Camere Apostolice, aut collectori in partibus, infra sex menses immediate a die habite possessionis, sub penis Camere etc. (*Ibid.*, f. 55)

## 1479

31. Die xv dicti mensis Novembris, Dominus Thomas Purcell, clericus Clonensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis ac prebende de Fitard, Fernensis diocesis nuncupata, in eadem ecclesia, quorum fructus viginti marcarum sterling-

29. Offerayille, i.e., O Farrell or O Farrelly. Senbolhoch is a scribal error for Senbothoch, i.e., Templeshambo, the modern parish of Ballindaggin. See Hogan, *Onomasticon*, p. 595.

30. See nos. 24 and 28; *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 278; *Obligationes pro annatis diocesis Lismorensis*, in *Arch. Hib.*, xii. 19.

31. See no. 26.

orum communi extimacione, vacantium certis modis. Et mandatur provideri dicto Thome de dictis canonicatu et prebenda, sub dat. Rome, tertio Kal. Novembris, anno nono. Et promisit solvere annatam dictorum canonicatus et prebende eidem Camere, hic in Curia, aut collectori in partibus, infra sex menses immediate et proxime sequentes, sub penis Camere etc. etc. Restituta [fuit bulla] de mandato domini Mensarii etc., quia pro Hibernico. (*Oblig. Annat. Sixt. IV*, 1479-80, f. 119)

## 1479

32. Die xvii dicti mensis Novembris Dominus Ricardus Boscher, presbyter Fernensis diocesis, ac canonicus ecclesie Fernensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere [pro annata] canonicatus dicte ecclesie et prebende de Thagamm nuncupate, in eadem, quorum fructus sexdecim marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per promotionem Reverendi patris Domini Laurentii, electi Fernensis, de persona sua ad ecclesiam Fernensem factam. Et mandatur provideri dicto Ricardo de dictis canonicatu et prebenda, sub dat. Rome, quarto Kal. Novembris, anno nono. Et promisit solvere annatam dictorum canonicatus et prebende eidem Camere, hic in Curia, aut collectori [in partibus], infra sex menses a die habite possessionis computandos, sub penis etc. Restituta de mandato domini Mensarii, quia pro Hibernico. (*Ibid.*, f. 121)

## 1479

33. Die predicta [ut supra], Dominus Henricus Roche, decanus ecclesie Fernensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata decanatus ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. quadraginta librarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantis alias certo modo. Et mandatur provideri dicto Henrico de dicto decanatu, sub dat. Rome, sexto Idus Novembris, anno nono, in forma *Perinde valere*; sub dat. Rome, sexto Idus Novembris, anno nono. Et promisit solvere annatam dicti decanatus hic in Curia, aut collectori in partibus, infra sex menses proxime et immediate sequentes, vel octo si in via habebit impedimentum etc., sub penis Camere etc. Iuravit etc. Restituta bulla de mandato, quia pro Hibernico etc. (*Ibid.*, f. 121)

32. Thagamm (or Thagamin), i.e., Taghmon. Cf. Hogan, *Onomasticon*, pp. 625-6, s.v. Tech Mundu. There is a suggestion in *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 156 that Laurence Neville was archdeacon of Ferns in 1462. Cf. also Rev. P. A. Doyle, 'Given, in the church of St. Nicholas, Clonmines,' in *The Past*, iii. 68, 72.

33. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, xii. 780.

## 1479

34. Die viii dicti mensis Novembris una bulla pro Domino Laurentio Nevyll, Electo Fernensi, super retentione parrochialis ecclesie de Kylleron, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus octo marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, quam ante promotinem obtinebat, prout obtinet, et que reservatur eidem Laurentio. Patet per bullam sub dat. Rome sexto Kal. Novembris, anno nono. (Ibid., f. 234)

## 1479

35. Dicta die [xvii Nov.] una bulla pro Domino Jacobo Roche, clerico Fernensis diocesis, super provisione canonicatus et prebende ecclesie Fernensis, quorum fructus novem marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per assecutionem aliorum canonicatus et prebende per Richardum Boescher factam. Patet per bullam sub dat. Rome quarto Kal. Novembris, anno nono. Restituta de mandato, quia non ascendit summam, etc. (Ibid., f. 236)

## 1483

36. Die xi mensis Novembris predicti, Reverendus pater Dominus Thomas Purcell, Electus Lismorensis et Waterfordensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata canonicatus et prebende ecclesie Fernensis, quorum fructus viginti marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, vacantium per promotionem ipsius Domini Thome, Electi. Et decernitur non vacare postquam assecutus fuerit possessionem dictarum ecclesiarum, et quod cum dictis ecclesiis eosdem canonicatum et prebendam quoad vixerit retinere possit. Patet per bullam sub dat. Rome sextodecimo Kal. Novembris, anno tertidecimo. Et promisit solvere annatam dictorum canonicatus et prebende eidem Camere, hic in Curia, aut collectori in partibus, infra quatuor [menses] immediate a die habite possessionis dictarum ecclesiarum Lismorensis et Waterfordensis computandos, sub penis etc. Restituta de mandato, quia in dictis ecclesiis habet intrusum etc. (*Diversor. Sixt. IV*, 1483, f. 167)

## 1488

37. Dicta die [x Iunii] Dominus Eugenius Macdwyll, canonicus prior-

34. Nevyll, i.e., Laurence Neville, bishop of Ferns 1479-1503, successor of John Purcell. Kylleron may be a rendering of the modern Killurin, or it may represent Kilrane in the parish of Tagoat.

35. See no. 32.

36. See no. 31.

37. Macdwyll, i.e. Doyle. Inistiogh is Inistioge, diocese of Ossory. Curtodon or Curtedon is Courtown. The name appears as Bayllenacurte in 1448. Cf. *Cal. papal letters*, x. 400, from which it is clear that this name is an alternative for Kiltannel: cf. no. 9 above. *Ecclesia de insula*, i.e., Inch, formerly Inis mo Cholmog, in the barony of Arklow.



atus Sancte Columbe de Inistiogh ordinis Sancti Augustini Ossoriensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata monasterii Beate Marie Fernensis, dicti ordinis, cuius [fructus] decem et octo, de quo mandatur provideri ; et pro annata parrochialium ecclesiarum, rectoriarum nuncupatarum de Curtodon, cuius sexdecim ; et de Insula, Fernensis et Glandolacensis diocesis, cuius viginti marcarum sterlingorum secundum communem extimacionem valorem annum non excedunt ; et que parrochiales tanto tempore vacarunt quod earum collatio est devoluta ad Sedem Apostolicam, et que mandantur uniri dicto monasterio, ad vitam ipsius Eugenii, sub dat. Rome, decimo septimo Kal. Maii, anno quarto. Et promisit solvere annatas predictas infra unum annum proxime sequentem, sub penis Camere, etc. Iuravit etc. pro Ibernico. (*Diversor. Innoc. VIII*, 1487-8, f. 127)

## 1489

38. Dicta die [xii Iunii] venerabilis vir Thomas Okirmian, presbyter Fernensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata thesaurarie ecclesie Fernensis, cuius fructus etc. sexdecim marcarum sterlingorum etc. non excedunt, vacature per privationem Richardi Bain in forma iuris faciendam, de qua mandatur provideri dicto Thome, sub dat. septimo Kal. Iunii, anno quinto. Et promisit solvere dictam annatam infra tres menses post habitam possessionem, sub penis Camere. Iuravit etc. collectori in partibus. (*Diversor. Innoc. VIII*, 1488-9, f. 167)

## 1497

39. Die dicta [xxxi Oct.] Dominus Johannes, Electus Limiricensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis et sacerdotalis prebende de Fidarth, quorum viginti-quatuor ; et de Clonmor et Kylmon Armachanensis et Mindensis diocesis parrochialium ecclesiarum, quorum cuiuslibet viginti marcarum sterlingorum communi extimacione, quas retinere possit una cum dicta ecclesia, sub dat. tertio Idus Maii, anno quinto. Et promisit solvere infra annum et mensem, quia probavit de intruso per testes etc., et [est] Ibernicalis. (*Ex libro annat.*, 1497-8, f. 106)

## 1497

40. Die xxvi dicti mensis [Oct.], una bulla pro Johanne Ophaelan, canonico Fernensi, super dispensatione ad quecumque, super defectu

38. Okirmian, i.e., O Kirwan.

39. Joannes electus Limiricensis, i.e., John Purcell. Fidarth is Fethard ; the other two places named are Clonmore, diocese of Armagh, and Kilmoon, diocese of Meath.

40. This entry is not an annat, but has been included as it is in the transcript.

natalium, sub dat. Rome apud S. Petrum, tertio Idus Maii, 1489, anno Innocentii VIII quinto. (Ibid., f. 252)

## 1498

41. Die xiiii Iulii Dominus Richardus Bron, thesaurarius ecclesie Fernensis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice, pro annata prioratus monasterii Canonicorum Regularium Beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Fernensis diocesis, cuius fructus etc. octuaginta marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt, certo modo vacantis. Et providetur sub dat. Rome, tertio Kal. Iulii, anno vi. Et promisit solvere, more Hibernicorum, collectori etc. (*Diversor. Alex.* VI, 1498-9, f. 55)

## 1507

42. Die ultima Octobris D. Wyllielmus Laci, clericus Fernensis diocesis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata monasterii Beate Marie Virginis de Fernie, ordinis S. Augustini, Fernensis diocesis, et Killruys, pro prebenda canonicatus ecclesie Fernensis dari solite, et Sancti Cormatii dicte diocesis, parrochialium ecclesiarum, certo modo vacantium, et cuius fructus etc. decem et octo, et ecclesiarum decem novem marcarum sterlingorum etc. secundum communem extimacionem non excedunt. Et mandatur provideri dicto Williello sub dat. Nonis Octobris anno quarto. Et promisit solvere collectori in partibus, sub penis Camere. Iuravit. (*Diversor. Iul.* II, 1507-8, f. 59)

## 1511

43. Dicta die [xiiii Maii], Dominus Guillelmus Sutton, canonicus Fernensis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata archidiaconatus dicte ecclesie, et parrochialis ecclesie, prebende supernumerarie in dicta ecclesia nuncupate, dicte diocesis, certo modo vacantium, quarum insimul fructus trigintaduarum marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt. Et mandatur provideri sub dat. quinto Kal. Maii, anno viii. Et promisit solvere collectori in partibus, more Ibernico, sub penis, etc. Iuravit etc. Restituta [bullae] quia per privatio in forma iuris. (*Diversor. Iul.* II, 1510-11, f. 94)

## 1511

44. Die xiiii dicti [Maii], Dominus Guillelmus Sutton, canonicus Fer-

41. Bron, i.e., Browne. The monastery of SS. Peter and Paul is Selskar Abbey, Wexford, for which see Hore, *History of the town and county of Wexford.*, v.

42. Laci, i.e., Lacy. For the abbey of St. Mary at Ferns see Hore, op. cit., vi. 153 ff. Killruys is Kilrush, a parish in the deanery of Enniscorthy; *ecclesia Sancti Cormatii* is Kilcormack, in the barony of Ballaghkeene, a few miles south east of Ferns.

43, 44. See no. 21.

nensis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata monasterii Beate Marie Virginis de Voto, alias de Tinternia, Cisterciensis ordinis, Fernensis diocesis, certo modo vacantis, et cuius fructus triginta octo marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt. Et commendatur eidem, sub dat. quinto Kal. Maii, anno viii. Et promisit solvere collectori in partibus, more Ibernico, sub penis etc. Iuravit. Restituta [bulla], quia narratur intrusus, et quia non invenitur taxatum in libris Camere. (Ibid., f. 94)

## 1511

45. Dicta die [xxvi Sept.] Jacobus Occurin, perpetuus vicarius parochialis ecclesie de Ludigan, Fernensis diocesis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata canonicatus de Theacmolín et prebende eiusdem ecclesie, quorum fructus septem marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt. Et provideri mandatur eidem Jacobo sub dat. Rome xv Kal. Octobris, anno octavo. Et promisit solvere annatam in partibus. (Ibid., f. 171)

## 1518

46. Die dicta [xxviii] Dec. Dominus Edomundus Edihan, clericus Cassellensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere pro annata de Alba et de ecclesia nova, canonicatum et prebendarum, ac parochialium ecclesiarum de Moein, et de Chalilone ac de Geroponte vicariarum Fernensis, Castellensis et Ossoriensis diocesis, vacantium certo modo, quorum insimul fructus quinquaginta marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt. Et mandatur provideri dicto Edimundo sub dat. viii Idus Augusti, anno quinto. Et promisit solvere collectori in partibus, more Ibernico, sub penis etc. Iuravit. Restituta [bulla] quia narratur intrusus. (*Diversor. Leo. X*, 1517-8, f. 109)

## 1534

47. Dicta die [i Aprilis] Alexander Kethyng, clericus Fernensis diocesis, principalis, obligavit se Camere Apostolice pro annata decanatus et thesaurarie ecclesie Fernensis, ac rectorie de Mohager, et perpetue vicarie Sancti Degmani de Killaye, dicte diocesis, parochialium eccles-

45. Occurin, i.e., Corrin or Curran. *Ecclesia de Ludigan* is Templeudigan in the parish of Rathnure. Theacmolín is St. Mullins, now in the diocese of Leighlin.

46. Edihan, i.e., Hayden. The more usual form is Ohedian, which occurs frequently in *Cal. papal letters*. The place-names are much distorted, but the identification seems to be: Whitechurch, in the diocese of Ferns, Newchapel and Moyne in the diocese of Cashel, Killaloe and Jerpoint in the diocese of Ossory. For a further notice of *ecclesia alba de Sleculture* see Newport White, *Irish monastic and episcopal deeds*, p. 245.

47. Kethyng, i.e., Keating. *Rectoria Mohager* is now Tomhaggard in the parish of Kilmore, co. Wexford. The patron of the place was Mo Sacru (feast, 3 March); cf. Hogan, *Onomasticon*, p. 422, s.v. Finn mag. Tomhaggard is about four miles east of the church of St. Degman at Killaye, i.e., Killag. We know nothing of St. Degman, or Degeman, as O Hanlon calls him, except that his feast was celebrated



iarum, certo modo vacantium, quorum insimul fructus etc. sexaginta marcarum sterlingorum non excedunt. Et mandatur provideri seu uniri eidem, sub dat. sextodecimo Kal. Aprilis, anno undecimo. Et promisit solvere annatam huiusmodi collectori apostolico in partibus, more patrie etc., sub penis Camere. Iuravit etc. (*Annate di Clem. VII*, 1533-4, f. 139)

on 27 August. John Young was vicar of Killag in 1420; cf. Hore. *History of the town and county of Wexford*, vi. 213.

In the bull issued to Kethyng it was stated that the right of presentation had lapsed to the Holy See, according to the decree of the Lateran Council, 'licet decanatum Thomas Pursell, thesaurarium Robertus Lombard, et rectoriam Balthasar Butteler, vicariam vero Johannes Boyscher, nullo titulo iurisve adminiculo eis desuper suffragante, sed temeritate proprio et de facto detinuerint, prout adhuc detinent indebite occupatos'; accordingly the Pope commissioned the prior of Selskar, Thomas Buteler and Robert Remund junior, canons of Cashel and Emly respectively, to enquire into the matter, and should they find the benefices to be vacant, to appoint Kethyng to the deanship, uniting to it, for as long as he should be dean, the other benefices mentioned above. (Reg. Clem. VII, anno xi, vol. 137, f. 75.).

# A Propaganda Fide Letter-Book concerning Ireland, 1672-4

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The letter-book which is here published is made up of official correspondence concerning the ecclesiastical affairs of Ireland<sup>1</sup> between January 1672 and August 1674. None of the letters bears any signature, but without any exception they all appear certainly to have been written by the secretaries of Propaganda Fide who held office during the time. The secretary from May 1668 to March 1673 was Frederigo Ubaldi-Baldeschi, Archbishop of Caesarea, and his successor was Francesco Ravizza, Archbishop of Laodicea, who remained in office until March 1675. During the interval between Ravizza's appointment and his arrival in Rome, which was certainly some time after 12 August 1673, his duties were performed by Monsignor Cerri, who himself became permanent secretary in June 1675, and held office until 1679.<sup>2</sup>

Most of the letters were written to the internuncios at Brussels, and for the convenience of the student it is here recalled that this office was filled from 16 November 1668 by Claudio Airoidi; from 15 April 1673 by Ottavio Falconieri; from 2 November 1673 by Claudio Agretti; and from 2 June 1675 by Sebastiano Antonio Tanari.<sup>3</sup>

The letter-book forms part of a selection of documents which were placed before the cardinals of Propaganda Fide at a special session of the sacred congregation, concerning Ireland, on 20 April 1676. It is hoped to publish the rest of the documents, together with the decisions made by the cardinals on the occasion, in the next number of this journal.

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<sup>1</sup> Archives of Propaganda Fide, Rome, 'Atti congregazioni particolari, Congregazioni generali d'Hibernia con lettere, 1672-6. Vol. IX' Some three or four documents refer to England, but it has been thought better not to omit them.

<sup>2</sup> See *Archiv. Hib.*, i (1912) 367, but also letters 115 and 127 below.

<sup>3</sup> *Archiv. Hib.*, i. 368a.

1. Benissimo<sup>1</sup> io mi avvedo che fra il Dublinense e l'Armachano<sup>2</sup> vuol tra pochi anni quest' occulta emulazione che passa tra di loro degenerare in apertissima discordia. Non trovo che vi sia modo di sopirla, et il temporeggiare, dall' altro conto, dubbito non voglia esser remedio sufficiente. L'accuse ch'egli di presente da al Dublinense, quando sian vere, sono degne d'un particolar riflesso. Mi pare pero strano che da altri che da lui non siano ricevuti tali lumi, e pure si tratta di materia essenzialissima, la quale non è capace di quella doppia interpretazione della quale era meritevole l'altra accusa datagli che s'impiegasse per la riduzione de banditi.<sup>3</sup> Io quì uso qualche diligenza segreta per haver lumi precisi sopra il contenuto di queste nuove accuse; si degni far il simile costà col mezzo di persona non sospetta.

Da monsignor Brenano<sup>4</sup> ancorche io possa fidarmi sommamente, tanto a cautela nulla in specie di tal materia gl'ho voluto scrivere, ma solo in genere lo richiedo di quello che vostra signoria illustrissima vedra nell' aggiunta lettera che mando a sigillo volante.

2. Volesse Dio che fossero vere le nove che si scrivano di Valesio,<sup>5</sup> per vedere una volta punite le sue sceleraggini, e tolto a Cattolici il pericolo dei danni ch'egli potrebbe causare loro in una mutazione de congiunture. Non voglio pero adularmi col sperare una cosa alla quale ne pur vostra signoria illustrissima ch'è nel fatto vuol per anche prestar fede. Il tempo di tutto cio chiarira, e spero che anche rendera certa vostra signoria illustrissima dell' infinita osservanza che le professo, e le bacio etc.

3. Puole ben alcun particolare ingannarsi, ma non gia un intero publico, e specialmente la corte di Roma, nel concetto che forma dei personaggi grandi. L'opere degnissime di vostra eminenza han confermata questa massima, e nel presente ordinario una nuova riprova io ne ricevo coll' invio dell' atto fatto nel presentare il breve a D. Giovanni de Burgo,<sup>6</sup> dal quale si scorge che i rispetti humani sono da vostra eminenza riputati di niun momento dove si tratta del servizio di Dio, e del beneficio dell' anime. Di questa verita, ancorche da tutti conosciuta, non lascio

<sup>1</sup> The first three letters have neither date, signature nor address. The first and second appear to have been written by the pro-nuncio at Brussels to the secretary of Propaganda Fide, and the third by the secretary of Propaganda to the Cardinal Protector of Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Talbot, 1669-1680, and B. Oliver Plunket, 1669-1681.

<sup>3</sup> The reference is to the Rapparees, who were induced to surrender by the archbishop of Armagh in 1670.

<sup>4</sup> John Brenan, bishop of Waterford, appointed by Propaganda 12 May 1671.

<sup>5</sup> Peter Walsh, O.F.M., author of the *Remonstrance*.

<sup>6</sup> Appointed vicar apostolic of Killala by Propaganda 12 May 1671. Brady, *Episcopal succession*, Rome, 1876, i. 145.

di far relazione a questi eminentissimi miei signori, e mentre la supplico di continuarmi l'onore della sua protezione, umilmente a vostra eminenza m' inchino etc.

4. 1672. Januarii 16. D. Eugenio Convallo, vicario apostolico Derensi.

Gaudium percepi non leve tuis ex litteris 1a Novembris ad me datis, ex quibus intellexi dominum Tuamensem et eas litteras et breve apostolicum recepisce quibus ad vicariatus apostolici munus assumptus es; et quoniam habita est ratio meritorum tuorum ab hac sacra congregatione, et concepta spes sic te gesturum id oneris ut non contemnendi fructus in vinea Domini sperentur, et suo tempore in horrea ecclesiae convellantur, superest ut quam de te Roma opinionem contraxit, eandem dominatio tua non frustret, nec irritam fuisse conqueratur; et quoniam ex tuis ad me litteris perspicio quanta alacritate animi administrationem tibi commissam aggredi paratus es, non levi voluptate afficior, teque hortor ut de istius provinciae statu quam frequentissime eminentissimos hos patres certeriores facias, quo fiat ut apud ipsos mihi quoque praebeatur opportunior tibi inserviendi occasio; et tibi fausta quaeque precor.

5. 1672. Januarii 23. D. Patritio Dempsio, praefecto collegii Hibernici Insulensis.

Intellexi ex tuis litteris difficultates quae obviam fieri tibi possent in adeunda possessione vicariatus Kildariensis. Dabo operam ne quid hac de re detrimenti capiat hujus sanctae sedis auctoritas, neve exempla invehantur parum salubria. Magnam interim laudem meretur, et a sacra congregatione suae sanctitatis retulit aequitas ac moderatio animi tui, ad quemvis casum et sedis apostolicae nutum parata. In ea ut pergas magnopere tibi suadeo, suae virtutis multique in collegium istius meriti memor futurus. Ac precor Deum te diu incolumem servet, atque florentem.

6. 1672. Januarii 23. D. Jacobo archiepiscopo Tuamensi.

Periucunda mihi accidit tua non minus elegantiae quam amoris plena gratulatio ob delatam mihi protectionem gentis Hiberniae. Novi tenuitatem virium mearum, sed divina bonitas, quae me ad hoc opus vocavit, opem feret, opportuna mihi consilia occasionesque rei bonae gerendae suppeditando, et similes tui viros excitando ad catholicae religionis et tranquillitatis publicae curam. Id te constanter esse facturum spondet mihi singularis pietas tua et constantia in multis adversis atque asperis rebus spectata. Et tamen mihi spectatior fieret si frequentes praebuerit occasiones de Hibernico regno benemerendi; operam tibi meam ex animo offerro, et laeta omnia a Deo auguror etc.

7. 1672. Febbraro 6. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Sono queste le facolta del S. Officio per i cinque vicarii apostolici d'Ibernia; ed io prego la bonta di vostra signoria illustrissima a prendersi il pensiero di farle recapitare a ciaschedun di loro con quella sollicitudine che le puo esser permessa dalle congiunture de' tempi; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

8. 1672. Febbraro 13. Al signor Cardinal Ottoboni.

Questa mattina nel legger le lettere che per cagione della mia infermita havevo lasciata di vedere quando m'erano capitate, io ho trovate l'aggiunte, le quali potendo servire di lume per prendere qualche risoluzione sopra la discrepanza insorta in Ibernia fra i vicarii apostolici e i capitolari, le rimetto all' eminenza vostra, alla quale gia ho mandati l'altre che fanno sopra la stessa materia; et umilmente me l'inchino etc.

9. 1672. Febbraro 15. A monsignor Slusio segretario de' brevi.

E benignamente condiscesca la santita di nostro signore, doppo haver sentito il parere di questi eminentissimi miei signori, di concedere al vicario apostolico di Limerico<sup>1</sup> in Ibernia la facolta di poter fondare in quella citta una compagnia e confraternita del Sanctissimo Sacramento, coll' indulgenza plenaria a fratelli e sorelle nelle feste del Sanctissimo Sacramento, e Purificazione di Nostra Signora, et un' altra confraternita di S. Patrizio, colla medesima indulgenza per giorno di detto santo, e festa di tutti li santi; et ha a me commandato sua beatitudine che ne dia un cenno a vostra signoria illustrissima affinche possa prender l'ordine per spedizione de' brevi; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

10. 1672. Febbraro 20. D. Comiti de Carlinford.<sup>2</sup>

Quamquam litteris 15 Octobris ad me datis, summo ardore animi et eloquentiae vi Patris Taaffi<sup>3</sup> fratris tui reditum in Hiberniam perurgeas, non tamen aut illustrissimae dominationis vestrae desiderio satisfieri posse in praesentiarum video, nec persuaderi existimo vestrae familiae honori quidquam detrimenti evenire ex ejusdem patris hac in curia commoratione, ubi non modo apud suos superiores Franciscanae familiae honorifice tractatur, verum etiam eam benignitatem apostolicae sedis in se experitur, ut maligni dumtaxat homines suspicari possint velintque quicquam hic agitari quod seu in illius damnum seu vestrae familiae laesionem famae ullo pacto cedere possit; quinimo nihil mihi antiquius potiusve eveniet quam ut et ipse pater et illustrissima dominatio

<sup>1</sup> James Duly, appointed 9 July 1669. Brady, ii. 46.

<sup>2</sup> Theobald, second Viscount Taaffe, and first Earl of Carlingford.

<sup>3</sup> Fr. Patrick Taaffe, O.F.M.



vestra intelligatis me omnes occasiones libenter arrepturum quibus vestra commoda honoremque procurem, et re ipsa dignoscatis quantopere esse cupiam etc.

11. 1672. Febbraro 27. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Comincio a pagare i miei debiti con vostra signoria illustrissima, che sono tanti che io non so se in questa settimana mi riuscirà di sodisfare a tutti. Con una sua de' 19 Xmbre mi mando ella la copia d'una lettera venutagli de Londra, colla quale gli veniva data parte che si era scoperto un omicidio commesso da Valesio 20 anni sono, ch'egli si trovava in gravi pericoli per questo capo, e ch'era stato esortato benche infruttuosamente a ridursi a penitenza.

Ho letto questa lettera piu di quattro volte, ma sa bene chi scrive, scrive de fatto proprio, tanto io no so prestargli fede, e tanto maggiormente che non ho sentito verificare un tal avviso da altre lettere, e pure il caso in riguardo della persona era tale che meritava l'impiego delle penne di tutti quei Cattolici. Prego vostra signoria illustrissima per accertarsi della verita a farvi qualche diligenza; e le bacio riverentmente le mani etc.

12. 1672. Febbraro 27. A Monsignor Nunzio di Germania.

Continua il signor Cardinal d'Hessia le sue pessante istanze a Nostro Signore,<sup>1</sup> et al signor Cardinal Altieri,<sup>2</sup> affinche il P. Frost.<sup>13</sup> sia preveduto d'un vescovato in Ibernia, e perche da un canto prema loro di sodisfare al desiderio di sua Maiesta,<sup>4</sup> e dall' altro evidentemente si vede il pericolo al quale si esporrebbero le cose della religione coll' aggiungere ai gia fatti nuovi vescovi, atteso massime lo stato presente delle cose in quelle parti, ne ho comandato di scriverne a vostra signoria illustrissima accio procuri di render persuaso che bisogna, e della necessita di differire a prendere in questa parte qualsivoglia risoluzione, e del riguardo particolare che a tempo debito si havera alle premure di sua Maesta Cesarea. E perche s'e anco considerato che queste nuove richieste e facile che provenghino dai stimoli che forse n'havera dati lo stesso religioso, mi fo lecito di suggerire a vostra signoria illustrissima se fosse espediente d'insinuare a lui quanto poco possono influire al suo fine di promuovere ad un vescovato il fratello (del quale per anche non ho havuto alcuna informazione) la variazione delle richieste e l'uso di simili inopportune diligenze; e divotemente la riverisco etc.

<sup>1</sup> Clement X, 1670-1676.

<sup>2</sup> Originally Cardinal Paluzzi, but given the papal name *Altieri* and raised to the dignity of Cardinal Nephew by Clement X.

<sup>3</sup> Mark Forestall, O.S.A., elected to Kildare on 8 Oct. 1676. Brady, i. 354.

<sup>4</sup> The Emperor Leopold I, 1658-1705.

13. 1672. Febbraio 27. Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Quanto mi dispiacerebbe che si verificasse il supposto fatto a vostra signoria illustrissima, e da lei partecipato a questa sacra congregazione con lettera de 23 Gennaro, che la persona di monsignore Omoloy<sup>1</sup> fosse odiosa al re et alla corte d'Inghilterra, poiche ci trovaressimo con un altro vescovo fuori, e quel che piu saria considerabile è che questo è un soggetto dalla promozione del quale s'è sperato riportarne un gran bene per la religione. Attendo con impazienza di sentire questa notizia si sia verificata, e bacio a lei riverentemente le mani etc.

14. 1672. Febbraio 27. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Nel rivedere le mie scritture mi è passato per le mani una lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de' 22 Agosto, nella quale due richieste ella mi fece; la prima, di mandargli la nota di certi pagamenti fatti al collegio Ibernese di Lovanio l'anno 1651 e 1652; l'altra, di supplicare la sagra congregazione a prorogare nuovamente lo stipendio assegnato ai padri Domenicani Ibernese. Porterò le suppliche rispetto all' ultima nella prima congregazione, e quanto al primo, mando aggiunto a vostra signoria illustrissima quanto ho trovato; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

15. 1672. Febbraio 27. Al medesimo Monsignor Internunzio.

Accusi a vostra signoria illustrissima la ricevuta della scrittura fatta dal signor Giovanni Leiburno sopra l'erezione dei collegii pontificii Ibernese et Inglesi di Douay, la quale metterò assieme con la relazione della fondazione del collegio di Lille, che non so se mi fosse da lei inviata colla stessa lettera de' 2 Gennaro o con altra sua, et ambidue le tratterò per farne relazione quando mi saranno capitate l'altre scritture che aspetto sopra gl'altri collegii; e le bacio a lei riverentemente le mani.

16. 1672. Febbraio 27. A Monsignor Internunzio sudetto.

Confesso a vostra signoria illustrissima che le lettere di monsignor Brenano capitatemmi con la sua de 25 Gennaro m'hanno confermato nella mia antica opinione, che l'opposizione che fanno i due vicarii capitolari Ardacadense e Childariense ai vicarii apostolici<sup>2</sup> siano fomentate dall' arcivescovo d' Armach e di Dublino. Queste lettere portai nella congregazione de 15 Febbraio assieme coll' altre scritte e dall' arcivescovo d'Armach e da vostra signoria illustrissima in questo proposito, ma nulla si risolve, mentre giudicorono questi eminentissimi miei signori

<sup>1</sup> Probably a mistake for O'Molony, John, appointed to the bishopric of Killaloe by Propaganda on 12 May 1671, and said to be odious to Ormond. Brady, ii. 120f.

<sup>2</sup> Gerard Ferall, appointed by Propaganda 9 July 1669, and Patrick Dempsey, appointed by Propaganda 12 May 1671. Cf. Brady, i. 293, 354.

che l'affare si dovesse esaminare in una particolar congregazione, che da me quanto prima si convocherà. Grand' imbroglio è questo, ed io vedo in tal impegno la sagra congregazione che dubito non se ne possa uscire con facilità. Considero che il trascurar questa faccenda sia così nociva, il piglierla di petto, pericoloso.

L'aggiustamento fatto fra i vicarii del Ardacadensis a me pare un'impia struttura, ma peggiore e la contumacia del Kildariense. Qui si pensava al modo che si deve tener per remediare a tutto con decoro, ma nell'esecuzione sarà il tutto rimesso al prudente arbitrio de vostra signoria illustrissima, il che a lei significo affinché trattando procuri d'averne nuove e continue notizie; e bacio a lei riverentemente le mani.

17. 1672. Febroaro 27. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

E la lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de' 30 Gennaro e le scritture che v'erano anesse, e che in quelle venivano annunciate, sono tutte pervenute nelle mie mani sopra all'esser eretto il collegio di Lilla per una sola provincia.<sup>1</sup> Pare a me non vi sia che replicare. Le scritture sopra tal materia le metterò coll'altre che trattano de' collegii, per far di tutte nello stesso tempo una piena relazione. Con maggior sollecitudine però referirò il contenuto delle lettere dell'arcivescovo d'Armac, e di Casca<sup>2</sup>. La prima affinché si pigli qualche risoluzione in ordine all'istanze de' padri Capuccini, l'altra affinché la sagra congregazione, in tempo che è capace di remedio, pensi al mezzo termine che si deve tenere per moderare la durezza del cervello di quel buon prelato; e bacio a lei riverentemente etc.

18. 1672. Die 5 Martii. D. Nicolas Planchetto.

Gratae mihi fuerunt litterae tuae primo Xbris anni praeteriti datae, et quae in eis narras, sacrae huic congregationi si opus fuerit suo tempore referam. Tu vero optime feceris si ad sacram congregationem praedictam frequentissime scribas, et statum illic Catholicorum et religionis aperueris. Litteras vero tuas dominus archiepiscopus Armachanus ad me mittet, et eas suo calculo comitari dignabitur; noveris porro me vestri omnium studio sum et fuisse et esse. Incolumitatem tibi comprecor. Roma etc.

19. 1672. Die 5 Martii. Joanni Leyburno, rectori collegii Duaceni Anglorum.

Non leviter dominationi tuae obstringor ob eam in me benevolentiam quam litteris tuis 7 Januarii datis luculenter significas, et quem mihi

<sup>1</sup> See *Archivium Hibernicum* xvi (1951) 10ff.

<sup>2</sup> William Burgat, appointed by Propaganda 11 Jan. 1669. Brady, ii. 24-5.



annum faeliciter transigendum comprecaris ; eundem tibi totique vestro collegio faustissimum auspicor, teque persuasum velim me vestri omnium amantissimum esse, et occasiones praestolari quibus opere ipso comprobem quantopere sim etc.

20. 1672. Martii 16. Domino Episcopo Fernensi.

Non est quod gratias mihi agas per epistolas 18 Februarii datas de nummis illustrissimae dominationi vestrae ab hac sacra congregatione concessis ; et quamquam ipse pro virili mea necessitates tuas eminentissimis hisce patribus exposuerim, eam tamen in illis promptitudinem tibi subveniendi inveni, ut meam vobis operam si minus utilem certe non necessariam agnoverim. De vestro in Iberniam reditu non habeam quod reponam, cum illustrissima dominatio vestra jam ediderit et meam et huius sacrae congregationis mentem ; illud dumtaxat remanet, ut studium meum in vos continenter confirmem, et vestris me precibus enixe commendam, tibiue manus libenter deosculor.

22. 1672. Marzo 19. A Monsignor Internuntio di Bruxelles.

Invio a vostra signoria illustrissima la risoluzione dell' aggiunto dubbio proposto mesi sono in questa sagra congregazione e dalla medesima rimesso a quella del Concilio ; si degni di farlo pervenire in mano di monsignor Armachano ; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

23. 1672. Marzo 26. Al Signor Cardinal Litta.

Nel breve spedito per i vicarii apostolici d'Ibernia vi è la clausula espressa che non habbiano alcun vigore se nel termine di quattro mesi da computarsi dal giorno della presentazione non saranno pervenuti o nella diocesi alla quale per vicarii sono stati destinati, o almeno nel regno d'Ibernia. Spirò questo termine rispetto a D. Giovanni de Burgo il di 3 Marzo, ond' io temo che insuperabili difficoltà incontrerà nel farsi ricevere de suoi diocesani, e non minori nell' attendere da questa sagra congregazione l'ordine accio si supplici nostro signore per la spedizione di nuovo breve, cio non ostante, tanto in riguardo della trascuragine che si è sperimentata in quest' uomo, quanto perche havendo alcuni vicarii capitulari fatto opposizione de loro poste, non vorrà la sagra congregazione colla missione de quest' huomo rendere in un paese pericoloso piu forti i contumaci coll' accrescimento de contraddittori. Ho stimato mio preciso debito di dar ragguaglio a vostra eminenza di cio, ne lascerò di adempire alle obbligazioni che mi corrono con rappresentare a questa sagra congregazione quanto l'eminenza vostra si è degnata insinuarmi con la sua de' 11 Marzo ; et umilmente me l'inchino.

24. 1672. Marzo 26. Al Signor Cardinal Carpegna.

Guglielmo Hederman, sacerdote Ibernese, raccomandato a vostra eminenza del Cardinal Grimaldi, ha ottenuto da questa sagra congregazione la grazia di poter continuare al servizio di monsignor vescovo di Sisteron in grado di suo vicario generale, senza essere astretto in adempimento del suo obbligo a portarsi in Ibernia ad essercitare l'offizio di missionario, come si degnerà vedere l'eminenza vostra dall' aggiunta lettera che si scrive al signor internunzio di Francia, unite alla quale li rimetto l'altre scritte a vostra eminenza dal signor Cardinal Grimaldi, e da monsignor vescovo di Sisteron; et umilmente me l'inchino etc.

25. 1672. Marzo 26. A Monsignor Internunzio di Brusselles.

Haverei a quest' ora ordinato a questo computista che facesse il mandato di rimporso a' signori Paravicini del denaro che vostra signoria illustrissima deve pagare a monsignor vescovo Fernense, se il dubio che ho ch'egli possa mutarsi circa la risoluzione che mostra d'haver fatta di voler partire per la volta d'Ibernia non m'havesse persuaso a differire un tal ordine per aspettar prima l'avviso dell' affettuata risoluzione. Questo mio pensiero pero sono pronto a mutarlo secondo gl'ordini che vostra signoria illustrissima stimerà di darmi, e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

26. 1672. Marzo 26. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Con lettera de' 20 Febraro si compiacque vostra signoria illustrissima inviarmi la copia di quella che haveva a lei scritto il presidente del collegio di Douay, nel quale oltre agl'altri punti accenna egli che il vicario di monsignor vescovo d'Aras haveva mostrato di pretendere di nuovo visitare il collegio che da lui viene governato. Di questa notizia ho dato parte a nostro signore anche per ordine del signor Cardinal Barberino, e dalla santità sua m'è stato imposto di scrivere a vostra signoria illustrissima, che insinui al medesimo presidente di non permettere in conto alcuno una tal visita, e che havendo bisogno d'assistenza contro le violenze di quel vicario ricorra al ministro apostolico residente in Parigi, al quale si dara ordine d'assistergli con ogni vigore; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani.

27. 1672. Marzo 26. A Monsignor Internunzio sudetto.

Con lettera de 5 Marzo molte me n'ha mandata vostra signoria illustrissima in copia et in originale a lei venute da Ibernia, A queste et a molte altre che ne ho, e che mi sono state da Liege da altri rimesse colle poste passate, io risponderò, se mi sarà possibile, nel futuro ordinario. Intanto devo significarle d'haver io speranza maggiore nella riduzione non solo del P. Haraldo ma in quella anche di Fr Pietro Valesio, che

nella sincera riunione degli arcivescovi d'Armach e di Dublino, atteso che vedo i loro cervelli così gagliardi che non è possibile che alcuno de loro ceda al compagno, e senza questo mezzo non può sperarsi la riunione senza una particolar grazia di Dio, alla benigna disposizione del quale io per me ho rimesso tutta questa faccenda.

Questa mane ho parlato per Valesio e per Araldo, per haver la facoltà di scrivere a vostra signoria illustrissima che rinovi all' uno et all' altro, quando bisogni, le promesse del perdono di tutte le loro. Voglia Dio che tutto ciò basti per ridurre questi traviati, i quali però sarà necessario che ritrattino molte cose scritte, e date da loro alle stampe, di che, se ben conosco, non esser di presente tempo a trattarne; tanto ho creduto opportuno di darne parte a vostra signoria illustrissima, che divotamente riverisco etc.

28. 1672. Marzo 26. A Monsignor Nunzio di Spagna.

Ha supposto con sua lettera monsignor Duffio<sup>1</sup> d'haver ricevuta espressa promessa da cotesto signore ambasciatore d'Inghilterra d'impe-  
trargli non solo da quel re la facoltà di potersi portare alla residenza della sua chiesa in Ibernia, ma di condurlo egli stesso a Londra nel prossimo mese di Maggio, e con questo fondamento ha supplicato il signor Cardinal Altieri, patrone, a concedergli la gratia di non esser obbligato, secondo gl'ordini datigli, di trasferirsi in Fiandra, ma di poter dimorare costì sino al termine suddetto; e da sua eminenza mi è stato comandato ch'io preghi vostra signoria illustrissima a concedere a lui di soprasedere nell' esecuzione degl' ordini datigli sino al prossimo mese di Maggio, con intimargli però ad eseguire dentro detto termine quanto di già gl'è stato imposto.

A questa richiesta altra per ordine di sua eminenza aggiungo, accio vostra signoria illustrissima si compiaccia d'indagare et avvisare qua, se siano vere le presupposte speranze che questo prelato dice haver ricevute dal signor ambasciatore d'Inghilterra; e bacio a lei riverentemente le mani etc.

29. 1672. Aprile 23. A Monsignor Nunzio di Germania.

Comincio anch' io a patire di mali di testa, ne so se questo sia frutto dell' aria di Propaganda o dell' ufficio di segretario di Propaganda. Quest' è cagione ch'io alle volte mi rendo impuntuale nel rispondere alle benigne lettere di vostra signoria illustrissima; e perchè temo che possa accadermi anche in futuro, supplico la sua bontà a scusarmi per le mancanze passate,

<sup>1</sup> Patrick Duffy, O.F.M., appointed to the bishopric of Clogher 12 May 1671. Brady, i. 256f.

et a compatirmi se a questo titolo altre fossi estretto di commeterne in avvenire.

Partecipai subito al signor Cardinal Altieri la lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima colla relazione del giusto peso della premura che si haveva costi all' esaltazione del padre Frostall, il che valse a far risolvere sua eminenza il modo con quale voleva in futuro rispondere se coi stili passati gle ne venissero rinnovate le richieste, et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

30. 1672. April 23. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Breve sara questa sera, in riguardo che per il futuro credo d'esser lunghissimo, havendo intimato per martedì mattina la congregazione d'Inghilterra. Bellissime sono le nuove che vengono di cola; vorrei che fossero vere anche l'altre scritte d'Olanda, cioe che dai Stati sia stato permesso il publico essercizio della religione Cattolica; non ho voluto pero rallegrarmene, perche l'avviso non viene da vostra signoria illustrissima, che riverentemente con tutto lo spirito etc.

31. 1672. Aprile 24. Al Signor Cardinal Barberino.

Per martedì mattina, dopo l'essame de vescovi, ne ha comandato il signor Cardinal Altieri ch'io intimi la congregazione d'Inghilterra, la quale sara da me per buona cautela intimata qui in Propaganda e sotto titolo di congregazione d'Ibernia. Questa notizia sarebbe mio debito di recar con la voce all' eminenza vostra, ma non m'è permesso per haver io questa mane pigliata la medicina. Attendero sopra di cio i suoi cenni con quel piu che si degnera d'impormi per prontamente ubbidirle; et a vostra eminenza umilmente m'inchino.

32. 1672. Aprile 26. A Monsignor Vescovo Laonense.<sup>1</sup>

Per rispondere a capo per capo alle lettere che vostra signoria illustrissima ne ha scritto in data de' 18 e 25 Marzo, comincero dalla prima, e dal punto toccato da lei sopra la denegazione fattagli d'essercitare i pontificali nella diocese di Parigi. Sopra di che deve ella riflettere, che questa ordinazione e stata fatta maturamente per tutti i vescovi della sagra congregazione, ne vi è nel caso suo alcun motivo d'alterarla, poiche quelli due unici che ella deduce, dell' istanza che gle ne fa monsignor arcivescovo di Parigi e de bisogni di dare il sacramento della confermazione a molti soldati del regimento Ibernese, non sono di gran rilievo, poiche rispetto alla confermazione, da altri vescovi puole essere loro conferita; e quanto al primo, monsignor arcivescovo di Parigi restera ben capace, e della necessita che ha avuta la sagra congregazione di far un tal ordine

<sup>1</sup> John O'Molony, appointed by Propaganda 12 May 1671. Brady, ii. 120f.



generale, e dall' altra che gli corre, di non alterarlo per le sole sue istanze, le quali è anche facile siano state promesse piu dal desiderio d'onorare vostra signoria illustrissima che da alcun urgente bisogno ch'egli ne tenga.

Rispetto alle solite facolta da darsi ai vescovi d'Ibernia, delle quali vostra signoria illustrissima nella medesima sua lettera faceva istanza, gia n'è stata servita, e furono mandate a monsignor internunzio di Fiandre.

Circa l'istanza che vostra signoria fa per ricevere di qua ordine da obligare gl'Ibernesi sacerdoti ordinati a titolo di missione, di patrimonio, o di beneficio, di tornare alla patria, e l'altra di dar ordine ai padri della missione di concedere a quelli della loro congregazione di nazione Ibernese di tornar parimente nella propria patria, lo rappresentaro in sagra congregazione, e di quanto da quella verra risoluto a vostra signoria illustrissima daro ragguaglio.

Resta l'ultimo punto, della sua gita in Ibernia alla residenza della chiesa commessagli, nel che variamente partire coll' altra poi de' 25, mi fa credere il contrario, rappresentandomi che ella non si trattiene costi per deliziare, ma solo per beneficio della patria, che spera della dimora costi cavare un gran frutto per la religione. Che il tempo scoprirà tutto, poiche ella non puol palessare le cause in carta.

Si contenti ella ch'io con ogni liberta replichi a questo punto, e che gli metta in considerazione piu cose. Prima, che non trovo che vi sia cosa si deve tener occulta alla sagra congregazione, alla quale non manca modo di far penetrare quanto si vuole con ogni sicurezza; secundo, che il maggior bene che un ecclesiastico possa fare in questo mondo è d'ubbidire a suoi superiori, e massime quando havendo egli dato loro parte de suoi pensieri e de suoi desiderii, quelli ordinano che seguiti non la propria volonta ma la propria obbligazione. Vostra signoria illustrissima ha rappresentato a questa sagra congregazione i motivi di trattenersi in Francia. La congregazione per ordine di nostro signore gl'ha fatta sapere che vada alla sua residenza, ne costi per promover quelli piu si tratanga; se si saprà da questi signori cardinali ch'ella non sia partita, e non pensi a partir subito, temo che la sua ripugnanza sara reputata per un' amore ch'ella non habbia o alla propria opinione, o al proprio comodo; si degni ch'io gli aggiunga sopra questo punto esser mesi e mesi ch'ella è stata creata vescovo, esser lungo e incerto il beneficio che possono produrre i suoi negoziati, esser bensi certo ch'ella, col differire a trasferirsi alla sua residenza, lascia di fare nella sua diocese molto bene, si priva del comodo d'impedire che non si faccia molto male, e questo male e questo bene si puol fare, e si lascia di fare da persone dell' anima de quali ella stretto conto dovra rendere a Dio benedetto. Scusi la liberta del mio dire, e resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani etc.

33. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

La copia e della fondazione del collegio Ibernese di Lovanio<sup>1</sup> e della lettera scritta a vostra signoria illustrissima dal P. Aroldo, mi giungono con sua de 19 caduto. Vorrei che le promesse di questo religioso fossero certe, e che la sua volonta di trasferirsi in Fiandra sortisse dal fine che noi desideriamo ; ma per discorrerla con liberta, l'haver egli recentemente publicati due libri dannabili, mi raffredda la speranza concepita del suo ravvedimento, parendomi che queste siano opere da produrre non buona ma pessima conseguenza ; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

34. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Brennano, Vescovo di Vaterfordia.

Servo a vostra signoria illustrissima nel modo che mi ha ricercato, e lascio ora di fare alle sue la sopra coperta, e tanto prattichero in avvenire. Gli accuso con questa la ricevuta di tre sue lettere in data de 23 e 26 Xmbre e 10 Gennaro, e la ringrazio vivamente del ragguaglio preciso che mi ha dato di quanto è accaduto alla sua persona. Io non mi meraviglio ch'ella sia stata cosi bene accolta in Londra, et amorevolmente trattata in Ibernia, specialmente dal signor Vice Re,<sup>2</sup> poiche persuadendomi che sua excellenza sia stata ragguagliata delle sue qualita e de suoi meriti, gia supponeva che haverebbe voluto accedere, com'è suo solito, nella generosita, per conoscere manifestamente che in questa trapassa ogni misura. Io giuro a vostra signoria illustrissima che mi struggo nel desiderio di servire a sua excellenza, e se potessi anche idealmente immaginarmi in che fossi per incontrare il suo genio, non lascerei occasione, benché ardua o difficile, che non la pratticassi. L'altro, di certi frati, mi dissero che sia in Roma il nipote di sua excellenza, et io ho risoluto d'esser a riverirlo, et ad offerirli quanti vaglio in servirlo ; se in altro son buono, mi comandino.

Confesso poi a vostra signoria illustrissima che l'amarezze che passano fra i due prelati Armach e Dublino sensitivamente m'affliggono, parendomi che ogni giorno con nuovi motivi s'aggrandiscono i torbidi, e pure dovrebbero cessare, sendo fra medesimi separata l'autorita, la stanza, et ogn' altro particolare che fosse valevole a fomentare queste loro discordie, le quali saranno da me in sagra congregazione referite per ricever l'ordine di quello si dovra pratticare per comporle ; al che stimo che vostra signoria illustrissima si applicara prima anche di ricevere nuove mie lettere. Il signor Craveo,<sup>3</sup> agente di cotesto clero, scrivera diffusa-

<sup>1</sup> See *Archivium Hibernicum*, xvi (1951) 29ff., 40ff.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Berkeley.

<sup>3</sup> Peter Creagh, appointed bishop of Cork 4 May 1676 ; translated to Dublin, 9 Mar. 1693. Brady, ii. 91f. and i. 338ff.

mente quali siano i sentimenti di questa sagra congregazione intorno all' uso delle dispense, e pero sopra di cio si contenti ch'io me la passi con dargli semplicemente questo cenno.

Godro di sentire che vostra signoria illustrissima si sia abbocata con monsignor Burgat, et havero caro di sapere come giustifica il suo stile di non apprezzare ne di far caso d'alcuno.

Quanto piu frequentemente ella mi scrivera i disordini che cagionano in coteste parti i regolari, tanto piu mi sara agevole da i loro atti abusivi e reiterati un rimedio vigoroso e stabile che gli raffreni ; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

35. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Dublinense.

Con quanto piu gusto ho letto le nuove datemi da vostra signoria illustrissima con suoi fogli de 13 e 14 Gennaro, con altrettanto ramarico ho inteso che per anche durino l'amarezze tra lei e monsignor d'Armacano, ambidue da me cosi stimati e riveriti. Vorrei haver io modo da terminare queste contese, fondate a mio credere su la pura immaginazione, che volentieri applicherei tutto me stesso ad accordarli insieme ; ma questo mancandomi, non so se non pregare il Signore Dio a mettervi la sua santa mano.

Referiro tutto lo scritto da lei a questa sagra congregazione, per ricevere da questa gl'ordini che verranno stimati opportuni. Intanto supplico vostra signoria illustrissima a credere che trattandosi di giustizia, io pospongo non solo l'amicizia di chi si sia, ma qualsivoglia altra considerazione ; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

36. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Nunzio di Francia.

A beneficio della gioventu Inglese è mantenuto con grave dispendio di questa santa sede un collegio in Douay per gl'alunni di quella nazione, del quale e presidente il signor Giovanni Leyburno, soggetto dotato d'una prudenza e zelo necessario per un tal ufficio. Da questo con mia particolar meraviglia sono stato avvisato della pretensione havuta dal vicario di monsignor vescovo d'Aras di visitare il detto collegio, non ostante ch'egli sia esente di qualsisia visita, e sia totalmente soggetto alla santa sede. Ond' io deducendo alla notizia di vostra signoria illustrissima la realta di questo fatto, intendo di pregarla ad operare che si astenghino in avvenire dal tentare queste ingiuste novita, con certezza d'incontrare in questa guisa i sensi di sua beatitudine ; e le baccio riverentemente le mani etc. Per il signor Cardinal Barberino.

37. 1672. Aprile 30. Al P. Gheannor.

L'avviso distinto che mi porta la paternita vostra con sua de 23 Gennaro, unito a gl'altri che mi sono pervenuti in altre occasioni delle male qualita

del P. Haroldo, mi fanno perfettamente conoscere quanto sarebbe considerabile il suo ravvedimento. Prego Dio che le faccia distinguere i suoi falli, e l'induca a chiedere perdono de suoi trascorsi, potendo questo agevolmente sperare della pietà di questi eminentissimi i miei signori, tutta volta pero che con sollecitudine dia segno d'un vero pentimento; a vostra paternità prego ogni bene etc.

38. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Brenano.

La carta di vostra signoria illustrissima de 25 Gennaro mi reca l'avviso d'haver ricevute le propria facoltà, e le altre per i vescovi Laonense e Confertense;<sup>1</sup> e perche questa contiene quei capi, rispondero a tutti succintamente.

Rispetto alla dimora che fa in Parigi monsignor Omoloni, io assicuro vostra signoria illustrissima che questa e poco ben intesa da questa sagra congregazione, la quale tocca con mano che per un interesse incerto e nell' esito e nell' utilità, e che puol essere anche maneggiato da chi si sia, egli lascia di sodisfare al debito che le corre di portarsi alla sua residenza, non senza danno notabile de suoi diocesani.

Mi lusingo con la speranza che Aroldo si porti a Brusselles, ma per parlare con ingenuità, difficilmente lo credo.

Per togliere poi la necessita al Feral di venire a Roma, per conseguire il suo breve, ho commesso all' agente del clero d'Ibèrnia che scrive a monsignor Armachano che qui si è sentito con scandalo et ammirazione particolare ch'egli sinora non habbia dato al detto Feral il breve di vicario apostolico, e che pero piu non tardi a consegnarglelo immediatamente. A questo proposito supplico vostra signoria illustrissima a far intendere al sudetto monsignore, ch'io mi sono alquanto scandalizzato di lui di vedere ch'egli invece di cooperare all' esecuzione degl' ordini di Roma, con strade e modi poco leciti, e meno praticati, trattenga per impedirne l'effetto, anche le spedizioni che di qui si mandano; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani etc.

39. 1672. Aprile 30. Al P. Oveard.<sup>2</sup>

Tutta volta che costi a vostra paternità reverendissima che i capellani Portoghesi, tanto quelli nominati nell' aggiunto memoriale, che gl'altri che godono l'onore di servire cotesta real capella, siano meritevoli della grazia nel suddetto memoriale espressa, potrà la paternità vostra reverendissima comunicarli le facoltà domandate pel tempo che da me a lei e stato concesso, dandolene io per ordine di nostro signore ogni

<sup>1</sup> Thadeus Keogh, appointed by Propaganda 12 May 1671. Brady, ii. 218f.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Fr. Philip Howard, Chief Almoner to Queen Catherine. Brady, iii, 105ff.



necessaria autorità ; e le bacio le mani. Per il signor Cardinal Barberino.<sup>1</sup>

40. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Armacano.

Tutti quei particolari che vostra signoria illustrissima mi scrive nella sua de 31 Gennaro saranno da me riferiti a questi eminentissimi miei signori, et a suo tempo saprà quelle risoluzioni che si pigleranno.

Una cosa sola, come vero amico, devo dire a vostra signoria illustrissima, che la sagra congregazione è restata molto ammirata che ella non habbia finora voluto consegnare al signor Ferel l'ultimo breve della deputazione fatta della sua persona in vicario apostolico Ardacadense, da che si cava poi il motivo da credere ch'ella in vece di cooperare all' effettuazione degl' ordini di nostro signore, ne ritardi l'effetto con trattenerel'istesso breve. Questo vuole la sagra congregazione ch'ella al Feral immediatamente consegna, e che esorti il vicario capitolare a desistere dall' opporsi, il che ridonderà in beneficio di lui et in gloria di vostra signoria illustrissima, alla quale bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

41. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Brennano.

Gli abusi che vengono praticati da cotesti regolari pigliano ogni giorno aumento, e si vede per esperienza che le paterne ammonizioni non bastano, e le proibizioni non suffragano. Piaccia a Dio che questa loro incalitta pertinacia non habbia da produrre un rimedio quanto a loro di poco gusto, altrettanto stabile, e valevole a farli desistere dagl' abusi et ardezze descritte specialmente da vostra signoria illustrissima con sua de 6 Febbraro ; e resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani etc.

42. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

In esecuzione degl' ordini prescrittimi da vostra signoria illustrissima con sua de 26 Marzo, ho fatto dare ai signori Paravicini il mandato di rimborso delle cinquante doppie da lei pagato a Monsignor Fernense, ne servando questa per altro per accusargli la ricevuta della quietanza di monsignor vescovo, e per supplicarla del ricapito dell' aggiunte dopo haver letto il loro tenore ; resto con baciarle riverentemente la mani etc.

43. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Molte lettere d'Ibèrnia mi sono capitate in quella di vostra signoria illustrissima de 12 Marzo, nella quale così bene descrive l'alterazione degl' animi dell' Armacano e Dublinense, del quale io prendo maggior scandalo che del primo, mentre questo usa una certa modestia nel dire quanto gl'occorre senza offendere ne infamare il Dublinense, dove questo pel contrario con un livore indicibile sferza l'Armacano, e lasciandosi

<sup>1</sup> Cardinal Protector of England. Brady, *ibid.*

trasportare dalla soverchia passione, scrive di lui querele ch'io non credo che habbino altra susstinenza che quella de proprii capricci.

Mi sono accorto che il Dublinense si e ingelosito di me perche stima ch'io sia piu parziale dell' altro che di lui, ma s'inganna, poiche io amo la giustizia sopra tutte le considerazioni, e questa verita desidero che vostra signoria illustrissima gle la suggerisce come faccio io, piu per sua quiete che per mio fine particolare ; e le bacio le mani.

44. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Pur troppo io mi studio e mi sono adoperato d'esortare monsignor Omoloni a sodisfare al suo dovere con portarsi alla residenza della chiesa commisagli, ma egli con differenti pretesti nostra di non potersi stacare da Parigi. Provi in grazia vostra signoria illustrissima con le sue persuasione se puol convincerlo, giache io sinora ho havuto seco poca fortuna.

Da piu lettere venute in diversi tempi de Ibernia, ho non solo io ma la stessa sagra congregazione conosciuto che al Feral, se non è stato positivamente ritardato dall' Armacano il possesso dell' officio de vicario Ardacadense commesso gli, gl'è stato almeno trattenuto con molti pretesti ; fra quali il piu evidente è quello di non haverle voluto consegnare il breve ultimo della sua deputazione con fondamento che da vostra signoria illustrissima gli sia stato cio ordinato, cosa che non credo, ma ben penso ch'ella habbia scritto che senz' ordine dalla sagra congregazione non si valesse delle censure per forzare il contraddittore del Feral a cadere, il che mostrava d'haver pensieri di fare forse per ingannarci non miglio apparenza.

Sopra questo particolare io scrivo a monsignor Armacano l'aggiunta, rimettendo al prudente giudizio il trattenerla o mandargle la accompagnata anche con sue efficaci lettere.

Mi rallegro che sia cessata l'opposizione che il Gherardini faceva al Dempsey,<sup>1</sup> come mi fa noto vostra signoria illustrissima con suo foglio de 19 Marzo, e credo certamente che seguira il simile del vicario Ardacadense quando l'Armacano si stanchera di darle fomento colle sue sottigliezze.

Sospiro di sapere la piega che prenderanno gli affari di Valesio, e l'occasioni insieme di servire frequentemente a vostra signoria illustrissima, alla quale bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

45. 1672. Aprile 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

E stato troppo facile Monsignor Brennano a credere per necessitoso soggiorno in Parigi di monsignor Omoloni, et in conseguenza troppo buono ad intercedere per lui la permissione che possa cola dimorare,

<sup>1</sup> James Dempsey, vicar apostolic of Dublin. Brady, i. 332, 336.

e pure l'incertezza dell' esito del negozio che tratta, et il potersi questo medesimo maneggiare da qualsivoglia prete, massime coll' assistenza da me esibitagli di monsignor nunzio dovrebbe divertire monsignor Omoloni dal far istanza di trattenersi in Francia, e gl'altri d'accalorire le sue richieste.

Io so che i regolari non tralasceranno mai di praticare le loro solite stravaganze fin a tanto che non le vengano se non revocate almeno sospesi per qualche tempo i loro privilegi, et a quest' effetto ho io per ordine di questa sagra congregazione steso la minuta della costituzione apostolica, e solo attendo la congiuntura favorevole per farla approvare; e ben vero che imagino d'esser da loro crocifisso per questa facenda, ma parientero ogni loro clamore perche arrivi a questa felicità di provvedere all' inquietudini nelle quali tengono soggetta la Christianità per l'eccessiva interpretazione de loro privilegi. Tanto m'occorre in risposta della favorita sua de 2 cadente; e resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani etc.

46. 1672. Maggio 3. A Monsignor O Moloni.

Mi creda vostra signoria illustrissima ch'io come suo servitore non ho più animo di riferire a questa sagra congregazione le sue lettere, poiche son certo d'affligerle sensitivamente nel rappresentare a questi eminentissimi miei signori che per anche ella soggiorna in Parigi, fisso col pensiero di trattare un negozio fondato su l'incertezza della riuscita, senz' apprendere che questo puo esser maneggiato da qualsisia soggetto, dove che il suo gregge altro che da lei non puo ne deve esser assistito. Non mi diffondo nel persuaderla di adempire a questo suo dovere, perche par mi d'haver scritto a bastanza Martedì passato, e prego Dio che senz' altre replica che si ponga in viaggio.

Rispetto poi all' essere dispensato dal decreto che le proibisce d'essercitare i pontificali fuori della propria diocesi, devo dirla con sincerità che a mio credere cio non è sperabile, mentre la sagra congregazione, in caso ancora più forte del suo e non ostante l'interposizione d'autorevoli raccomandazioni, l'ha positivamente negato. Onde in questa parte si contenti di conformarsi ai sensi di questi eminentissimi miei signori, di quali quanta più è l'amarezza che sentono nel sapere la sua dimora costì, tanto maggiore sarà la consolazione che riceveranno dal sentire che si sia incaminata alla sua residenza; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

47. 1672. Maggio 7. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Le discordie dell' Armacano e del Dublinense sono ormai così incallite che dice molto bene vostra signoria illustrissima che non così

facilmente saranno per aggiustarsi gl'animi loro. Questo accidente tanto piu m'afflige quanto che non trovo soggetto che possa fruttuosamente intramettersi per l'aggiustamento. Ho scritto a monsignor Brennano che si adoperi per comporre gl'animi loro, e supplico vostra signoria illustrissima di far il medesimo, poiche se bene temo che tuto riuscirà vano, ad ogni modo si haverà la consolazione interna d'haver fatta dal canto nostro ogni possibile.

Rispetto a monsignor Wadingo,<sup>1</sup> fu eletto per coadiutore di monsignore Fernense in tempo che si credeva ch'egli non potessi portarsi alla sua residenza, ma essendo questo supposto cessato, pare a me che si possa sospendere la dichiarazione del coadiutore, o che almeno non vi sia tal necessita di farlo che obblighi ad introdurre anche nell'Ibernia l'uso di dare ai prelati provisioni annue; e le baccio etc.

48. 1672. Maggio 7. A Monsignor Ravizza, Nunzio in Portogallo.

Per interesse particolare di cotesto seminario Inglese e per fare cosa grata a questa sagra congregazione, io supplico vostra signoria illustrissima haver la bontà di mandarmi la nota del giorno che furono spediti i brevi di Gregorio XV, ed Urbano VIII, nei quali si suppone venga specificata l'autorità del protettore del detto seminario, overo una copia d'essi. Questi attendero coll'onore de suoi comandamenti, e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

49. 1672. Maggio 7. A Monsignor Brennano.

Poco devo rispondere al foglio di vostra signoria illustrissima de 18 Febbraro, poiche contiene alcuni particolari a quali ho già adempito l'ordinario passato. Replico nientedimeno che se ella colla sua prudenza e destrezza non si studia di riconciliare gl'animi dell'Armacano e Dublinense, prevedo che le loro discordie produrranno col tempo pessimi accidenti. O Dio! è possibile che non basti a tener quieti due huomini ne pure la separazione delle provincie? Il male viene dalli frequenti gite dell'arcivescovo di Dublino; questo farebbe bene anche per altro di astenersene.

Le buone nuove che da varie parti sono giunte dell'Inghilterra, e le speranze concepite da cotesti Cattolici hanno sommamente rallegrato questa sagra congregazione, ed io specialmente non capisco in me stesso dall'allegrezza. Questo solo in tal proposito mi pare di dover suggerire a vostra signoria illustrissima, che il vero modo da mantenersi questi vantaggi, ed acuitarne degl'altri, è il mostrarasi ora piu che mai fedele

<sup>1</sup> Appointed co-adjutor to Nicholas French, bishop of Ferns, 12 May 1671, with right of succession. Twelve years later, on 13 July 1683, was ordered by Propaganda to hasten his consecration, as French was now dead. Brady, i. 379f.



al re, et ossequiosi ai magistrati, e modesti et umili verso i settarii.

Quanto alla premura che lei mostra havere dell' esaltazione del P. Moloni<sup>1</sup> e del signor Fallonio,<sup>2</sup> null' altro posso dirle fuori che questo affare corre per mio conto ; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima le mani etc.

50. 1672. Maggio 14. A Monsignor Internuntio di Bruxelles.

Molte lettere mi capitano di vostra signoria illustrissima incluse nel dispaccio de 16 caduto, alle quali coll' aggiunte e con la presente brevemente rispondo.

Ha vostra signoria prudentemente applicato il rimedio col quale si potranno superare le difficoltà incontrate dai preti Cattolici nel praticare la città e diocesi di Bolduch,<sup>3</sup> et io attenderò con impatienza ch'ella mi partecipi le risposte, le quali haverà ritratte dagli stati il D. Emanuele de Lyra, affinché col referirle a questi eminentissimi miei signori, possa ella havere prontamente la meritata lode per l'applicazione con la quale invigila ag'affari della religione costi ; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

51. 1672. Maggio 14. A Monsignor Internuntio di Bruselles.

E bene che sia seguita la revocazione di quanto haveva operato monsignor vicario d'Olanda circa la missione d'Haistreeth in pregiudizio de padri della Compagnia, e ringrazio il Signor Iddio che appunto come vostra signoria illustrissima asserisce sia ciò succeduto senza rumore.

Ho a questo Padre Assistente comunicato di vostra signoria illustrissima, perche habbia occasione di conoscere che dove si tratta di giustizia, non ha questa sagra congregazione alcun ritegno nel somministrarla a misura del dovere, del quale volesse Dio che si appagassero questi religiosi, che non sarebbero così frequenti le perturbazioni e li ricorsi ; e le bacio riverentemente etc.

52. 1672. Maggio 14. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Alla lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima cola quale manda uniti altri fogli in copia, m'occorre primieramente risponderle che la descrizione fatta da monsignor vescovo di Watfordia circa le qualità personali di Gerardo Frostall sarà da me comunicata a monsignor nunzio de Germani, perche di questa se ne vaglia secondo il bisogno.

Quanto poi alla notizia che da monsignor vescovo Tuamense sopra i padri Capuccini, con la doglianza del medesimo contro D. Stefano

<sup>1</sup> No doubt for Molloy, Fr. Francis, O.F.M., who was proposed for a bishopric at the congregation of Propaganda held on 20 Apr. 1676, as will appear in the second part of these papers.

<sup>2</sup> Gregory Fallon, who had been previously mentioned for an Irish bishopric in 1668, when he was resident at Bologna ; appointed to Clonmacnois on 17 May 1688. Brady, i, 247ff., 249, 293.

<sup>3</sup> Bois-le-Duc (Hertogenbosch).



Linch,<sup>1</sup> e l'altre istanze del canonico Joyes, io le porterò in congregazione, e farò sapere a vostra signoria illustrissima le determinazioni che si prenderanno.

Rispetto alla lettera del P. Haroldo, habbia ella la bontà di compatirmi se fossi contro la sua opinione. Io dubbito che questo buon religioso ci voglia vituperosamente gabbare; mi dispiacerebbe esser verace, e più tosto vorrei che vostra signoria illustrissima avesse da convincervi d'incredulità. Il tempo matura gl'accidenti, e questo farà sempre più conoscere l'ossequio col quale la riverisco; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

53. 1672. Maggio 14. Alli Monsignori Arcivescovi Dublinense, Cassel, Armach, e Tuamo.

Riferotisi alla santità di nostro signore nella sagra congregazione del S. Ufficio il memoriale presentato dal signor Craveo a nome degl' arcivescovi, vescovi, e vicarii apostolici di cotesto regno, e benignamente condescenda sua beatitudine a concedere quelle grazie che vostra signoria illustrissima vedrà espresse nell' aggiunto foglio. Questo potrà ella comunicare ai prelati et altri superiori nei vescovati di cotesta provincia, accio si vagolino delle facoltà ivi espresse in beneficio di che ne terra bisogno. Et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

54. 1672. Maggio 14. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Dopo che vostra signoria illustrissima haverà letto il tenore delle quattro lettere aggiunte agl' arcivescovi d'Ibernia, io supplica la sua bontà a darle il dovuto ricapito; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

55. 1672. Maggio 21. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

La risoluzione della dimanda fattami da vostra signoria illustrissima con sua de 2 Aprile, s'ella possa concedere dispense matrimoniali agli Ibernesi, dipenda dal vedere qual autorità sia a lei stata concessuta in quell' isola. Confesso ingenuamente l'haver creduto sempre che la facoltà che le fu concessuta per l'Inghilterra fosse stata stesa anche all' Ibernia, ma quando ho ricercato i decreti, ho trovato il contrario, come vedrà dalla copia che le mando aggiunta. Procurero nella prima congregazione di sanare il fatto, e fargli dare in avvenire le facoltà necessarie, et in ciò si degni lasciar pensare a me il modo; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

<sup>1</sup> Probably Fr. Stephen Lynch, O.F.M., who with Gregory Joyce was mentioned for a bishopric in Ireland at the congregation of Propaganda held on 20 Apr. 1676, as will appear from the second part of the documents here published.

56. 1672. Maggio 21. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Contra la mia opinione senta da vostra signoria illustrissima l'arrivo cotesta del P. Haroldo, partecipatomi con suo foglio de 30 caduto. Sto leggendo i due libri dal medesimo publicati, e col futuro ordinario scrivero a lungo tutto cio che mi potra occorrere ; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

57. 1672. Maggio 21. Al P. Lauria.

Mando alla vostra paternita reverendissima i due libri aggiunti fatti stampare dal P. Tomaso Haroldo, ch'è uno de' seguaci di Valesio e Coppingero, soggetti a lei ben noti. Questi dopo haverli maturamente considerati, unitamente colla lettera di monsignor internunzio di Bruselles, si compiacerà rimandarmeli colle sue censure ; et le bacio divotamente le mani.

58. 1672. Maggio 21. Al P. Guardiano di S. Isidoro.<sup>1</sup>

A me fa bisogno d'havere una piena contezza di tutto cio che puol sapere vostra paternita circa l'operato dal P. Tomaso Haroldo, così nell' Inghilterra come in ogn' altro luogo ; attendero dalla sua bontà una precisa informazione sopra questo fatto ; e le bacio le mani.

59. 1672. Maggio 28. A Monsignor Nunzio di Spagna.

Dopo haver comunicata a sua eminenza, padrone, la lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de 20 Aprile, mi ha commandato di significarle a procurare, spirato che sarà il mese di Maggio, d'indurre monsignor Duffio a chiedere a lei nuova proroga di trattenersi in Madrid, la quale potrà da vostra signoria illustrissima esserle per un termine di due o tre mesi conceduta, con procurare tratanto di dare a lui tali stimoli che servino per farlo insistere per ottenere la permissione d'andare alla sua residenza, il che si fa anche da questa parte con lettere continuate, che si scrivono a monsignor internunzio di Fiandra. Se io fossi un mal' huomo, godrei del fine che ha havuto la promozione del P. Duffio, poiche non solo da me fu trattenuta e ritardata un pezzo, ma non havendo io in fine potuto resistere al torrente, predissi in publica congregazione quello ch'è succeduto ; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani.

60. 1672. Maggio 28. A Monsignor Nunzio di Spagna.

Il signor Cardinal Altieri, padrone, al quale questa mane ho parlato sopra il tenore della lettera che in data de 26 Aprile da vostra signoria illustrissima è stata scritta in segretaria di stato, da dove è stata a me partecipata, mi ha comandato per ordine di nostro signore di parlare

<sup>1</sup> College of the Irish Franciscans, in Rome.

ai padri generali della Compagnia, et altri, affinche ordinino precisamente ai loro religiosi di contenersi oggi in questa settimana, et anticipatamente a vostra signoria illustrissima lo partecipo, accio se le pare opportuno possa valersi di tali notizie col signor ambasciatore d'Inghilterra; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

61. 1672. Maggio 28. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Tra gl'huomini degni nell' ordine de riformati che dimorano in Ibernia mi vien presupposto che sia Fr. Antonio de Burgo,<sup>1</sup> nativo della provincia di Conacia, che dimora in Dublino, e da persona molto zelante sono stato accertato che sarebbe molto utile al servizio di Dio se questo padre fosse promosso al provincialato. Tutto a vostra signoria illustrissima significo con intenzione ch'ella ne faccia quel caso che le pare; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

62. 1672. Giugno 9. Al Signor Cardinal Barberino.

Rimetto a vostra eminenza tre lettere del P. Ouceard,<sup>2</sup> due al signor Cardinal Altieri, et una a me diretta, nelle quali ella leggera l'istanze di questo buon padre perche si eseguisce tutto cio che viene prescritto ne capitoli matrimoniali della regina. Ho voluto vedere la copia de suddetti capitoli matrimoniali, ch'è quella che accludo, e trovo nel capitolo lineato esservi dui punti. Il primo, che il Grand' Elemosiniere sia vescovo; l'altro, che habbia giurisdizione sopra gli ecclesiastici della Capella Regia.

Quanto al primo punto, se non si è effettuato il difetto, viene da lui, al quale parmi che vostra eminenza habbia piu volte scritto che all' esser creato vescovo null' altro mancava che la nomina della regina. Quanto al 2°, non sapendo che mi rispondere, supplico vostra eminenza dell' ordine.

Ai suddetti quattro fogli altri quattro acclusi n'aggiungo, e queste sono due lettere di monsignor internunzio di Fiandra, una del nunzio di Spagna, l'altra dell' internunzio di Parigi, sopra il contenuto delle quali supplico vostra eminenza ad impormi se cosa alcuna crede che io debba operare.

Non vengo in persona a ricevere i commandamenti di vostra eminenza per trovarmi d'alcuni giorni in qua travagliato de certi dolori, i quali appena mi concedono uscire alle volte a prendere un poco d'aria; e resto con farle profondissimo inchino.

63. 1672. Giugno 11. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

<sup>1</sup> Probably the same as Fr. Anthony de Burgo, a native of Galway, who was elected provincial of the Irish Franciscans on 23 Aug. 1684. Chapter Acts, Killiney.

<sup>2</sup> Philip Howard, O.P.

Il mio stato di salute non mi concede di poter replicare a tutt' i punti che sono contenuti nel dispaccio di vostra signoria illustrissima de 21 Maggio. Scrivero ora quello che posso, e se meglio staro, nel futuro ordinario suppliro a quanto hora ho tardato.

Cominciando da Haroldo, legi in una di vostra signoria illustrissima i sensi, le massime, e le proposizioni di lui, le quali non mi piacciono, perche non mostrano pentimento de' trascorsi passati, ma piu tosto intenzione di sostenere l'operato come fatto giustamente. I libri composti da lui li feci rivedere dal P. Lauria. Non vi ha trovato cosa dannabile, per quanto mi riferi l'altro giorno; dice pero che molti proposizioni sono pericolose, come pericolosi mi paiono i discorsi formati con vostra signoria illustrissima. Tutto referiro in congregazione, et in tanto posso dirla che se egli si stupisce che qui nulla si sia riposto all'appellazione di Copingero,<sup>1</sup> io mi stupisco di due cose: Prima, ch'egli parli d'appellazione, quando questa non è mai capitata. 2a, che pretende che questa potessa o dovesse sospendere l'esecuzione degl' ordini del papa dati col mezzo del signor Cardinal Barberino, coi quali privava dall' officio di vicario provinciale e lo conferiva al P. Gheannor.

Se la presentazione d'Haroldo e di Coppingero avesse luogo, gl'ordini di Roma mai sarebbero eseguiti, ne si ammetterebbe la distinzione che danno i dottori circa le cause esecutive o ordinarie, le prime delle quali non ammettono l'appellazione sospensiva; e resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani etc.

64. 1672. Luglio. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Credo che a quest' ora havera vostra signoria illustrissima inteso che nelle mani del signor Paravicino sono stati sorsati i scudi centoventi dovuti al collegio Ibernese di Lovanio per il termine di S. Giovanni. Onde potra vostra signoria illustrissima con sua comodita pagare il valente di esso al presidente Sollevano; ch'è quanto occorre per riposta del suo foglio de 11 caduto, e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

65. 1672. Luglio 9. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Le retrattazioni d'Haroldo e di Coppingero recheranno consolazione a questi signori cardinali et accrescimento di lode a vostra signoria illustrissima. Io l'attendo per l'uno e per l'altro fine, e con supplicarla ad onorarmi de suoi commandamenti, le baccio riverentemente le mani etc.

66. 1672. Luglio 16. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

La divisione della provincia d'Ibernia ha infinita difficolta, in guisa

<sup>1</sup> Fr. Francis Coppinger, O.F.M., appointed vicar-provincial in July 1666. Chapter Acts, Dun Mhuire, Killiney.



tale ch'io crederei che vostra signoria illustrissima ottimamente facesse a non dare alcuna speranza ad Harold di poterla ottenere. Fra i motivi ch'io mi ricordo, uno e che la provincia di Cassel e quasi tutta Valesiana, et e provincia assai popolata; onde sarebbe loro molto facile di attrarvi nella sua sentenza quelli dell' altra provincia, et in quel caso el da se stessa puol considerare gl'inconvenienti. Di piu, vostra signoria illustrissima sa quanto sia duro in questa corte il far mutazione, massime quando non vi concorre un urgente et evidente necessita; e pero crederei, prima di motivare questa materia, che fosse bene di sapere le cause dell' istanza della natura che ho detto di sopra.

La paternita<sup>1</sup> a Coppingero non credo sara difficile d'ottenerla; è ben vero che due cose potranno dare gran fastidio. Primo, la necessita di chiararsi se il suo pentimento sia vero. 2°. Il pregiudizio che puol recare il lasciarlo stare in Ibernia.

Nella retrattazione d'Haroldo e Coppingero, sopra della quale ho ammirato l'avvertenza di vostra signoria illustrissima, io ci trovo una clausula non solo equivoca, e che puole interpretarsi come piu a loro piace, ma quelli ch'è piu, non l'ho visto nelle altre retrattazioni. Queste sono le parole *salva fidelitate quam quilibet subditus debet suo regi*. Ma questi sono i miei sospetti. Vostra signoria illustrissima ne faccia caso se non quando l'havera considerati la sagra congregazione; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

67. 1672. Luglio 23. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Al dispaccio di vostra signoria illustrissima de 3 Luglio nulla m'occorre d'aggiungere per risposta a quanto le scrissi con la passata, nella quale gli rappresentai le difficoltà si sariano incontrate nell' acconsentire alla divisione proposta da Araldo. Ancorche per il futuro ordinario non si sera tenuta la congregazione, tanto credero poterla scrivere qualche cose di vantaggio, mentre ho ordinato ad un frate di qui conosciuto per esperienza, huomo da bene, che mi suggerisce le difficoltà et i sconcerti che si potriano incontrare nella divisione della provincia. Circa all' appellazione di Coppingero credo certo no mi sia capitata; ne ho ordinata maggiori diligenze, e se si trovera cosa alcuna, o per il presente o per il futuro ordinario, vostra signoria illustrissima ne sara informata; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

<sup>1</sup> The title of *pater provinciae*, enjoyed at that time by an ex-provincial of the Franciscans, with certain privileges attached. Coppinger had no right to this, as he had been appointed merely in the place of Fr. Bernardine Barry, who had been elected; he had been replaced himself by Fr. Peter Geanor, appointed vicar-provincial in 1669 by the Cardinal Protector. See *Franciscan Tertiary*, ix, number vii, Nov. 1898, pp. 193f.



68. 1672. Luglio 30. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Nella prossima congregazione riferirò tutto ciò che riguarda la persona d'Aroldo e di Coppingero, e tra l'altre scritture includerò anche l'appellazione di questo mandatomì da vostra signoria illustrissima. Confesso bensì di non intendere il fine di quest' appellazione data di presente, mentre sta per spirare l'ufficio concesso al P. Gennor, e non sento che habbino eletto un legittimo procuratore a proseguire quest' appellazione, ch'è il requisito necessario per far caso di essa.

Ho letto la lettera di Armacano, che anch' essa era inclusa nel plico di vostra signoria illustrissima de' 9 corrente, dove ho notato la mutazione dispoticamente fatta dal vicario Clogorense; il motivo di rimuoverlo, siccome egli lo scrive, e molto legittimo, l'autorità di farlo et in specie di mettervi a suo arbitrio un successore, ho gran difficoltà d'asserire ch'egli l'havessa, mentre il vicario remesso non poteva essere che o eletto dal capitolo o della sede apostolica; e però siccome nell' ultimo caso in specie doveva prima di far cos' alcuna aspettar gl'ordini di qua, così non stava a lui di deputare anche nell' altro caso il successore. Vostra signoria illustrissima per grazia vede di chiarire questo punto, poichè m'avvedo che l'Armacano stende tanto le sue fimbrie che sarà necessario cominciarli a dare la barchetta nelle dita; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani.

69. 1672. Agosto 13. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Così ai padri Domenicani Ibernese<sup>1</sup> come al collegio di Lovanio<sup>2</sup> è stato da questa compusteria spedito il mandato delle loro provisioni consegnato nelle mani de' signori Paravicini, e dal medesimo riscosso a questo monte di pietà, il primo sotto il 6 Maggio, l'altro 28 Giugno. Onde in questa parte è vostra signoria illustrissima servita, e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

70. 1672. Agosto 13. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Perchè la congregazione non si convocava con la brevità che sarebbe necessaria per sovvenire ai bisogni del P. Patuillet, ho parlato questa mane al signor Cardinal Altieri, e pigliato da lui l'ordine di scrivere a vostra signoria illustrissima accio si contenti di soccorrere ora a tuttocio che a questo padre stima ella possa esser necessario, che poi nella prima congregazione si parlere dell' affare, e si procurerà non solo l'ordine del rimborso da farsi a lei di quanto verà speso, ma che si dia a vostra signoria illustrissima l'arbitrio di sovvenirlo anche in futuro; e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

<sup>1</sup> The Irish Dominicans at Louvain. See *Archivium Hibernicum*, xvi (1951), 17f.

<sup>2</sup> The Irish pastoral college for secular priests at Louvain.

71. 1672. Agosto 20. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

A D. Giovanni de Burgo, vicario apostolico Aladense è stato della santità di nostro signore accordato l'aggiunto breve, col qual viene confermato nell' ufficio, non ostante che l'havesse perduto per non essersi nel tempo prefisso portato alla sua residenza. Vostra signoria illustrissima nel farglelo sicuramente pervenire esercitara un atto solito della sua puntualità, e dara a me nuovi stimoli di doverla sempre ubbidire ; e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

72. 1672. Agosto 20. A Monsignor Nunzio di Francia.

Al dispaccio di vostra signoria illustrissima de 29 mi comanda il signor Cardinal Barberino, al quale ho comunicato le sue lettere, di rispondere con approvare la dilazione che da vostra signoria illustrissima si è pensata di usare nell' uso delle diligenze per togliere dalla mente del vescovo d'Aras il pensiero di visitare il collegio pontificio di Douay, mentre conforme alle riflessioni da lei fatte qualsivoglia diligenza che si usasse senza positiva necessita potrebbe piuttosto nuocere che giovare al fine che si ha di mantenere quel collegio esente dalla visita degl' ordinarii. Confermo con tal occasione a vostra signoria illustrissima le mie umilissime osservanze, e le bacio riverentemente le mani.

73. 1672. Agosto 27. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

Le lettere di vostra signoria illustrissima de 6 cadante, e l'annesse del Sollevano,<sup>1</sup> mi sono opportunamente capitate ; onde a me non resta che del ringraziarla dell' invio, e supplicarla del recapito di questa diretta al medesimo Sollevano, al quale si scrive contenendomi su i generali, perche fino a tanto che da questi ministri siano stati maturamente considerati i suoi conti, io non posso discorrere individuatamente della materia, per non pormi innocentemente in qualche impegno ; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani.

74. 1672. Augusti 27. S. Sollevano, praesidi collegii Ibernorum Lovanii.

Missae huc sunt a domino internunzio rationes seu computus dominationis vestrae simul cum litteris tuis 29 praeteriti mensis datis, et postquam hic considerabuntur quae observatu digna et necessaria videbuntur, certior fies de iis quae evenerint. Quod vero attinet ad subsidium quod ab eminentissimis hisce dominis meis desideras, quo resarciatur hoc vestrum collegium et capella extruatur, non mihi opportunum videtur hoc tempore huiusmodi a sacra congregatione postulare, attentis maximis

<sup>1</sup> President of the Irish Pastoral College, Louvain. See *Archiv. Hib.* xvi. 25 and *Measgra Mhichil Uí Cléirigh*, ed. Sylvester O'Brien, O.F.M., Dublin 1944, p. 84.

expensis quas in divinum obsequium et religionis Catholicae beneficium sacra congregatio facere oportuit ; quamobrem satius erit expectare donec occasio commodior se obtulerit ; et tibi manus deosculor.

75. *Undated.* A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Accuso a vostra signoria illustrissima la ricevuta del suo dispaccio de 13 Agosto, nel quale incluso tra l'altre scritture v'ho trovato le giustificazione de padri Ibernese del collegio di Lovanio che habbino adempito la condizione che fu loro imposta per conseguire e per continuare a godere il sussidio di questa sagra congregazione assegnatoli ; sopra di che nulla mi resta d'aggiungere, rendendosi questo affare in questa guisa finito.

Dai traviati come sono Aroldo e Coppingero, e simili, conveniendo pigliare que che essi vogliono dare, ne le riflessioni da me fatte sopra la sua retrattazione hebbero in se altro fine che insinuare a vostra signoria illustrissima il mio dubbio che la riduzione d'Aroldo non sia sincera, sospetto che molto mi si è accresciuto dopo che ho letto la lettera che vostra signoria illustrissima il di 13 Agosto mi ha scritto in questo proposito, havendo da essa scorso l'arte con la quale egli cercò di scanzare la necessita di togliere le parole equivoche.

Io a questo huomo mai ho creduto. Mostrò di venire a penitenza, ma sempre ha disputato tanto ; pero la sagra congregazione ne cava un vantaggio, che fintanto che sta costi, astiene dal far male, e puol darsi il caso che col tempo sinceramente si revvedi de' proprii errori.

E un mese e piu che ho le scritture fuori nelle mani de signori cardinali della congregazione d'Ibernia, la quale pure vorrei spedire prima che i tempi rinfreschino ; farò le mie parti, e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani.

76. 1672. Settembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

L'intenzione della sagra congregazione quando con lettere de 4 Luglio le fu scritto che gli si dava le facolta di dispensare nell' Ibernia fu che vostra signoria illustrissima potesse con questa nuova facolta convalidare la prima dispensa conceduta, e che potesse concederle nella Fiandra, e negl' altri luoghi compresi in cotesta nunziatura ; e pero non havendo ella facolta di dispensare in 2° e 3°, ottimamente ha fatto non ammettere la supplica venutagli di colà, e da lei mandatami con lettera de 13 Agosto. Questa procurero io che sia spedita della congregazione del S. Offizio, e che nelle sue mani con la possibile celerita sia rimessa. Tornando ora al primo punto, ho pensato per togliere ogni equivoco di procurare che la congregazione facci un decreto col quale dichiari che delle facolta straordinarie vostra signoria illustrissima possa valersi non solo nella nunziatura di Fiandra, ma anche negl' altri regni e provincie alla sua cura.

77. 1672. Settembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Io confesso a vostra signoria illustrissima di non saper capire come in Ibernia si tolerano i vescovi creati in Roma, e che dipendono da Roma, e si faccian poi tanti fracassi, cotanti rumori, e mostrino i vescovi tanto timore per una lettera che si trovi venir loro scritta di Roma, tanto piu che in essa ne si scrive ne si risponde a cose che siano vicine al politico o all' interesse di Stato.

Ho piu volte dubitato che questa sia un' arte di quei prelati per far a modo loro, e sfuggire la necessita di chiedere e ricever gl' ordini da questa corte, e tanto piu mi si e accresciuto questo sospetto quanto che ho sentito decantare pericoli, ma no ho veduto che alcuno sia incorso in essi.

Quando si è trattato di promulgare scomuniche, ho da me stesso considerato il motivo sul quale potevano esser fondato le persecuzioni, ma semplice lettere non l'intendo. Comunico a vostra signoria illustrissima questo mio sospeto senza pretendere ch'ella ne faccia alcun caso.

Venendo ora a rispondere ad una delle sue de 13 Agosto, lodo Iddio caminando con la buona fede che siano svaniti i pericoli ne' quali è stato prossimo ad incorrere monsignor Dublinense, ma non posso gia lodar lui, che dopo esser impegnato con questa sagra congregazione di non volere stampare la risposta del trattato del Primato fatta all' Armacano habbia fatto il contrario, temendo che questo sia motivo all' acensione d'un fuoco da non smorzarsi in vita de sudetti prelati.

Io parlero di nuovo accio si conceda loro la facolta di dispensare in 2<sup>o</sup> e 3<sup>o</sup>, ma nulla spero, poiche se per non introdurre quest' esempio non l'hanno voluta concedere a vostra signoria illustrissima per quei regni, ch'è ministro apostolico, e nel quale hanno i signori cardinali un intiera confidenza, molto meno e da sperarsi voglino concederla a quei prelati ai quali tante volte l'han negata. Faro le mie parti per ubbidire anche ai suoi commandamenti, et bacio etc.

78. 1672. Settembre 10. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Io confesso a vostra signoria illustrissima che se bene Coppingero si riduce tanto, nella sua riduzione faro pochissimo fondamento, atteso che non la credero mai ne stabile ne sincera. Quest' huomini avanzati nel male, et a comandar con suscitar torbidezze, è difficile che s'emendino stando nella stessa provincia. Per il futuro ordinario rispondero all' Armacano, e credero di poter anche rappresentare a vostra signoria illustrissima le risoluzioni che si piglieranno qua sopra la persona d'Haroldo, dovendosi Martedì prossimo convocare la congregazione d'Ibernia.

Gli arbitri che piglia l'Armachano in mutar vicarii sono sempre pericolosi in riguardo degl' eretici, e possono anche assumere la natura di temerarii, se a sorte i vicarii scacciati fossero stati eletti, o dai capitoli



o dall' apostolica. L'Armacano è buon huomo, ma è facendone, e dubbito che con questa sua voglia d'operare non metta una volta se stesso e gl'altri negl' impegni; onde io non saprei che altro in questa parte dirmi farei che a pregarla a continuarli le sue esortazioni; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani etc.

79. 1672. Settembre 10. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Io credo che la pazienza della sede apostolica e la facilità del signor Cardinal Barberino habbino fatto crescere l'orgoglio ai capitolari di Londra, poiche se si resero insolenti col vedere che di qua si dissimulava l'arrogarsi essi il titolo e l'autorità di capitolo, crebbero nella loro audacia colle connivenze del signor Cardinal Barberino, il quale, per sodisfare ai loro desiderii, proibì l'accesso in Inghilterra ai sacerdoti forastieri, quando a mio conto, per contemporare almeno le loro massime pregiudiciali all' autorità di questa santa sede, pareva necessario di mandarvi altri che l'havessero migliori.

Ho fatto questo preambolo per sfogare la passione che ho di vedere che alle volte qui, perche *trepidamus timore ubi non est timor*, facciamo molte cose, e lasciamo di farne molt' altre che sarebbero utilissime al servizio di Dio, et influirebbero molto all' autorità di questa santa sede.

Ieri parlai al signor Cardinal Barberino della missione del Cappucino, e dell' insolenze del capitolo tanto circa al tenore dello scrivere usato con vostra signoria illustrissima, che circa alle novità introdotte nel sigillo, nella sottoscrizione dell' eliseo, e nella sottoscrizione del segretario del preteso capitolo. Si torse il signor Cardinale quanto al primo, ma per il rispetto che ha a vostra signoria illustrissima, e per la considerazione dell' essere l'opera fatta, disse ch'ella la doveva oggi sostenere, e credo bisognando qui assistenza vostra signoria illustrissima l'havera.

Quanto all' altro punto, si maraviglio anch' egli fuor di modo, e spero che nella prima congregazione si prendera qualche risoluzione circa il ricevere o rigettare simili lettere, se a sorte, come credo, le portasse il Leiburno. Confermo a vostra signoria illustrissima la mia indelebele osservanza, e le bacio riverentemente le mani etc.

80. 1672. Settembre 10. A Monsignor Nunzio di Vienna.

Io dubbito che per un pezzo non si faranno altri vescovi d'Ibbernia, poiche oltre l'esservene molti, lo stato lubrico di quel paese dissuade i signori cardinali dall' avanzarsi ad alcuna operazione, affinche non si comovino maggiormente gl'eretici amareggiati per gl'editti fatti dal re in favore de' Cattolici; il che a vostra signoria illustrissima significa affinche ella si prepari o a far costa repliche dilatorie, o a scrivere chiaramente alla sagra congregazione se stimasse necessario mutare un tal pensiero; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima etc.



81. 1672. Settembre 13. D. Abbati Patritio Ghineo.<sup>1</sup>

Redditae mihi sunt litterae dominationis vestrae 12 Julii conscriptae, quibus postquam exposuisti quanta rex regique ministri benignitate favere non desinunt, commendas P. Petrum Maghinum, seu Rachesium, ordinis Sancti Benedicti monachum, quatenus ei a sanctissimo domino nostro ecclesia Dromorensis obtineatur, et ad ipsam in episcopum promoveatur. Et quoniam hac eadem de re dominatio tua ad me alias scripsit, quam tibi responsionem dedi hisce denuo confirmo, me nempe peculiari sollicitudine curaturum ut tuis votis desiderisque fiat satis, atque opera expositurum eminentissimis hisce patribus quicquid dominatio tua significanda censuit; a quibus postmodum omnibus erit praesolanda deliberatio. Pergat dominatio tua mihi occasionem tibi inserviendi subministrare, et maneo etc.

83. 1672. Settembre 17. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

L'istanza del Capuccino Francese, che ha apostato in Inghilterra dalla fede, tengo ordine da questi eminentissimi miei signori di rimetterla al S. Offizio; ivi rappresentaro i motivi da vostra signoria illustrissima dedotti per la concessione della grazia, et a suo tempo significaro a lei quel tanto che si sara risoluto; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani.

84. 1672. Settembre 17. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruxelles.

L'alterazione fatta nel mandato spedito pel collegio Ibernese di Lovanio a mio credere e stata fatta per errore di questo computista. Non posso scrivere accertatamente a vostra signoria illustrissima che sia cosi, in riguardo che havendo havute in questa settimana infinite occupazioni, non ho havuto tanta memoria da ricordarmi d'haver una lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima sopra questa materia. Nel futuro suppliro a quanto nel presente ho mancato.

La sostituzione fatta da vostra signoria illustrissima a Gualtiero Enos del Sollevano<sup>2</sup> sara qui approvato; stimarei pero bene quando non vi fosse l'uso che gl'internunzii disponessero di queste cariche, ch'ella ne desse parte a questa sagra congregazione. Cio dico per ben servirla, e con accertarla di dargli sempre piu sicure riprove della mia osservanza bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani.

<sup>1</sup> See Brady, i. 301, and Boyle, *The Irish College in Paris*, Dublin 1901, pp. 228f. and *passim*.

<sup>2</sup> See *Measgra Mhichil Uí Chléirigh*, ed. Sylvester O'Brien, O.F.M., Dublin 1944, p. 83. Enos appears to have been president of the Irish College during the time when John O'Sullivan was president of the *Collegium Druitii*. Ibid., p. 84.

85. 1672. Settembre 17. A Monsignor Nunzio di Francia.

I vescovi d'Ibernia hanno tra l'altre facolta quella di poter comunicare le facolta conceduteli dal S. Officio a quei sacerdoti delle loro diocesi che saranno da essi reputati idonei all' essercizio delle missioni, per la qual causa mai ha voluto la sagra congregazione concedere facolta alcuna a preti semplici, in riguardo che ha supposto che questi da vescovi siano meglio conosciuti, e che essendo meritevelli, non lasceranno di conceder loro quanto è giusto. Da questo racconto scorgera vostra signoria illustrissima la necessita che ho di dubitare che il Collect, che ha presentato il memoriale che vostra signoria illustrissima m'ha rimesso con la sua de 26 Agosto, nulla sara per ottenere, mentre la sagra congregazione rispondera che se in lui vi concorrono le qualita che esprime nel memoriale l'arcivescovo di Dublino, nella diocesi del quale intende di servire, potra concederli la facolta ch'egli desidera; non ostante pero questa mia credenza, nella prima congregazione riferiro le suppliche di questo sacerdote; e bacio a vostra signoria illustrissima riverentemente le mani.

86. 1672. Settembre 17. A Monsignor Nunzio suddetto.

Fu tenuto l'altro giorno la congregazione d'Ibernia, dove lungamente fu parlato d'Aroldo, di Coppingero, e della divisione della provincia de' Francescani. Quanto alla divisione, fu risoluto senza contradizione di non farla, il che mi servira per risposta d'una delle sue de 27 Agosto capitatemi nel presente ordinario.

Rispetto a Coppingero, fu risoluto che in niun conto gli si doveva concedere la pretesa paternita della provincia, atteso che se bene è solito, et uniforme alla pieta della sede apostolica il perdonare ai delinquenti pentiti, non s'è pero mai praticato, e suppongono che sarebbe pregiudicialissimo al buon governo il solo perdonare le sue colpe, non che il premiare chi non mostra pentimento. Che Coppingero sia in questo caso, pretendono che chiaramente si raccolga dal vedersi che per anche si mostra renitente a gl'ordini del P. Geannor, non havendolo finora per suo superiore voluto riconoscere; anzi nella provincia di Limerico, dove egli si trova, si spaccia per vicario provinciale, elegge guardiani, e fa altre simili funzioni proprie di superiore generale d'una provincia.

Di piu si è considerato che quando anch' egli havesse mostrato pentimento, la prudenza richiederebbe di procurare ch'egli s'assentasse di colà, per toglierlo dal pericolo di nuove prevaricazioni.

Rispetto al Araldo, stimorno questi eminentissimi miei signori che chiaramente apparisce non haver egli pentimento alcuno de suoi gravi trascorsi, mentre si vede che finora il metodo che ha tenuto non è stato di umiliarsi come reo pentito, ma di disputare come illibato, et esente da ogni errore. I suoi libri esaminati qua sono stati conosciuti temer-

arii, et in molte cose se non eretici almeno sospeti di fede. La sua retrattazione si vede chiaramente esse piena d'artificio, e captiosa, ne si puol dire che si sia errato per ignoranza, mentre ammonito da vostra signoria illustrissima di molte cose, niuna n'ha fatto, et ha cercato difender le proprie massime con sottilissime arti.

A questo padre vorrebbe la sagra congregazione che s'impedisce, se fosse possibile, il ritorno in Ibernia, e perche l'uso della forza vostra signoria illustrissima non lo potra praticare, s'è pensato d'insinuargli procurare con destrezza d'indurlo a venire in Roma, a titolo di promuovere gl'interessi dell' amico e la divisone della provincia.

Anticipo in dare a vostra signoria illustrissima tali ragguagli, affinche ella possa d'essi valersene per proprio governo; et rimettendomi a quel piu che in questo particolare le scrivera la sacra congregazione, resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani.

P.S. Aggiunte mando le facolta per il signore Iodoco Bracheu, alla quale prego di dare il solito recapito etc.

87. 1672. Settembre 24. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Ha vostra signoria illustrissima la facolta di poter assignare all' arcivescovo d'Armach quella somma che li pare per la spesa delle lettere; è ben pero vero che havendo ella posto cio in dubbio nella lettera che ne ha scritto a quel prelato, io crederei fosse ottimamente fatto di non fargli alcun assegnamento fermo, per sfuggire una simile et inevitabile pretesione degl' altri vescovi. Onde piu tosto stimerei opportuno gli si desse ora contante qualche sussidio a titolo dello speso per il passato, e darli speranza che a cio s'havera riguardo anche in futuro. Mi ha dato motivo d'usare questa liberta la lettera che vostra signoria illustrissima sopra questo punto ha scritto alla sagra congregazione, nella quale specifica di non essersi voluto in questo proposito per anche impegnare; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio riverentemente le mani.

88. 1672. Primo Ottobre. A Monsignor Casanate, Assessore del S. Officio.

In adempimento dell' ordine che vostra signoria illustrissima mi diede colle sue righe aggiunte alla mia lettera de 16 Settembre, che la ritorno, devo significargli che la mente di questi eminentissimi miei signori fu che le facolta concesse da cotesto sagra tribunale all' internunzio di Fiandra per le provincie unite gli si stendessero anche per il regno d'Ibernia. Queste le nominai io col titolo di facolta straordinarie, a differenza di quelle che a tali ministri si concedono per breve; et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio etc.

89. 1672. Ottobre Primo. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Accuso a vostra signoria illustrissima la ricevuta del suo dispaccio de 17 Settembre, al quale replico cio che mi occorre, e col la presente e coll' aggiunte. L'avviso da vostra signoria illustrissima datomi, che D. Giovanni de Burgo si tratenga inutilmente per l'Almagna, lo parteciperò a questa sagra congregazione, affinche, se sara possibile, s'ordini a vostra signoria illustrissima non solo di non consegnarli il nuovo breve, ma d'insinuare espressamente a lui che in riguardo della trascuraggine usata, non s'intende di dargli goder piu la carica di vicario apostolico che gia fu concessuta. Stimerei tratanto opportuno che vostra signoria illustrissima, quand' egli capitasse costa, tanto fin a nuovo mio avviso sospendesse il consegnargli il sudetto breve ; e bacio etc.

90. 1672. Ottobre 15. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Nell' ultima congregazione che fu tenuta sopra gl'affari d'Ibernia proposi, ed per levar vostra signoria illustrissima de tutti gli impicci, che si dessero a lei per quell' isola le solite facolta che si danno a quei vescovi ; e perche i signori cardinali crederono ch'ella havesse havuto del S. Officio per tutta cotesta nunziatura le facolta che si danno a tutti i nunzii *ultra montes*, tra le quali v'e quella di dispensare nei gradi proibiti con quelli che vogliono maritarsi, decretarono che le sudette facolta si estendesero per il regno d'Ibernia ; in questa conformita scrissi a monsignor Casanate, ma egli con lettera de 3 Ottobre mi risponde non esser stata concessuta agl' internunzii di Fiandra altra facolta che quella di leggere libri proibiti e di assolvere dall' eresie, le quali a nulla servono rispetto al fine che si e havuto di renderla uguale a quei vescovi nelle facolta di far grazie. Prima pero di riportare questo negozio in congregazione, ho stimato di darne parte a vostra signoria illustrissima per sentir da lei se possa haver errato monsignor Casanate nel supposto fattomi ch'ella non habbia tali facolta. 2° Accio ella m'avvisi se oltre le facolta che soglliano concedersi ai vescovi dell' Ibernia, le quali sono assai simili a quelle che hanno i vicarii apostolici dell' Olanda, ella ne desideri o stimi necessarie che si conceda alcuna di piu. 3° Accio m'avvisi se desidera ch'io supplichi accio le si concedino simili facolta per tutto il tratto di cotesta nunziatura, parendomi cosa molto incongrua ch'ella, che costi fa la figura di primo ministro, e la congregazione intende che sia superiore dello stesso vicario d'Olanda, sia privo poi di quelle facolta che sison date a lui, e che lo rendono in quelle parti stimabile. Attendero sopra di cio i suoi ordini, et mentre le significato che ne dalla segretaria di Stato, ne per la solita posta ho ricevuto in quest' ordinario sue lettere, bacio etc.

91. 1672. Novembre 16. A Monsignor Casanate, Assessore.



In conformita del solito di questa sagra congregazione rimetto a vostra signoria illustrissima l'aggiunto memoriale presentato dall' agente del clero d'Ibèrnia, e la supplico, referito che l'havera a cotesti eminentissimi miei signori, di dare a me un cenno delle risoluzioni che verranno pigliate etc.

92. 1672. Novembre 19. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

La lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de 22 Ottobre mi ha confermato nel mio solito concetto della poca riuscita che voglia fare D. Giovanni de Burgo, vicario apostolico Aladense. Io pero ho goduto di sentire ch'egli habbia palesato qualche sua pretensione, et in specie quella di non voler riconoscere il metropolitano, in riguardo che havero campo di ricevere sopra questo fatto gl'ordini della sagra congregazione prima ch'egli, con qualche sua stravaganza, susciti in quelle parti delle confusioni; et a vostra signoria illustrissima etc.

93. 1672. Novembre 19. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Ai negozii d'Ibèrnia dubito che la remozione di vostra signoria illustrissima voglia non poco pregiudicare, poiche se bene il suo successore è dotato d'infinte riguardevoli qualita, ad ogni modo le manca e le cognizione di questi affari, e la confidenza acquistata da lei, co' quali si deve trattare; alla prima mancanza dovra supplire vostra signoria illustrissima con informazioni; all' altra, dovra aspettarsi che il tempo ne lo fornisce.

Tutto questo preambulo sono stato obligato a fare dal contenuto della sua del primo Ottobre, dove mi da parte della moderazione di Copingero, e di quella acquistata da Haroldo; ne puol negarsi che tutto questo sia frutto delle diligenze di vostra signoria illustrissima e della sua destrezza. Io parlero in congregazione accio si conceda ad alcuno della provincia di Momonia la paternita, ma forse non sarebbe inopportuno d'aspettare le risoluzioni di Copingero per concedere a lui questo grado, quando veramente si pentisse de proprii falli, mentre ne la dilazione dovrebbe sentirsi da frati con amarezza, poiche qualsivoglia risoluzione che si facesse di presente pel capitolo provinciale, che deve tenersi in Dublino, non giungerebbe in tempo, ne vi sono di prossimo altre funzioni dove sia d'essenza che alcuno habbia questo grado; et a vostra signoria illustrissima etc.

94. 1672. Novembre 26. Al Signor Cardinal Barberino.

Mi capita in questo punto una lettera del signor abbate Airoldi de 5 Novembre, la quale coll' altre giuntemi gl'ordinarii scorsi, che concernono pure gl'affari d'Inghilterra, a vostra eminenza rimetto, supplicandola humilmente questa de 5 Novembre dove si tratta di materia



molto essenziale. Sarei venuto in persona, ma una gagliardissima flussione catarrale mi tiene sequestrato in camera due giorni in qua, e m'impedisce d'esser domattina in cappella per parlare di questa materia anche al signor Cardinal Altieri. Credero che vostra eminenza si degnara ella far questa funtione, e poi accennarmi con suo biglietto cio che dovro fare sul punto che si tocca nella sudetta lettera, la quale attendero che la bonta di vostra eminenza rimandi con suo comodo unitamente coll' altre, et humilmente etc.

95. 1672. Novembre 26. A Monsignor Internunzio, Bruselles.

Sono molti ordinarii ch'io scrivo al signor internunzio di Fiandra, ma non a vostra signoria illustrissima, scrivendo queste mie lettere accio restino al suo successore.

Quasi uniforme alla lettera scritta a vostra signoria illustrissima da monsignor vescovo Elfinense,<sup>1</sup> ch'ella si è degnata includermi nella sua de 5 Novembre, è un'altra che questo buon prelato ne a scritto a me. Lui dice molto bene le proprie ragioni, ma a me pare di vedere ch'egli vorrebbe con disinvoltura sfuggire l'autorita del metropolitano, e non attendere l'interpollationi che a lui s'interponessero, mentre in un certo modo si duole che l'arcivescovo di Tuamo habbia ricevuta l'appellatione del prete Ban, al quale egli si mostra avverso. Se vostra signoria illustrissima con destrezza potesse toglierli questo catarro, sarebbe molto santa, et io sommamente ne goderei, e le bacio etc.

96. 1672. Novembre 26. Al medesimo Internunzio.

Io vedo vostra signoria illustrissima molte volte in fastidio et in apprensione in riguardi all' essere costituito frequentemente in stato o di dover pigliare un arbitrio anche contra la mente della sagra congregazione, o di dover lasciare d'effettuare un' opera che puol essere di gran servizio di Dio e della religione Cattolica. Per uscire da questi imbrogli non c'è di meglio mezzo termine che quello che vostra signoria illustrissima m'ha accusato in una delle sue de 9 Novembre, dove parla dell' apertura nuovamente fatta di poter mandare missionarii al segno, cioè di risolvere interpretando quello che prudentemente farebbe la sagra congregazione, se fusse dov'è vostra signoria illustrissima. Attendero cio ch'ella havra risoluto per poterla servire, come richiede il mio debito, e bacio etc.

97. 1672. Dicembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Con lettere de 15 Ottobre mi commanda vostra signoria illustrissima di rimetterle in futuro il denaro che la sagra congregazione voleva far

<sup>1</sup> Dominic de Burgo, O.P., appointed by Propaganda 12 May 1671. Brady, ii, 202ff.

pagare in Ibernia, o costi, il che da me non è stato eseguito, poiche havendo havuta notizia della sua richiamata, ho creduto ch'ella havera bisogno di valersi in Roma, e non costa, del denaro. Vero è pero che dubitando io d'haver lasciato far l'ordine per rimborso di qualche somme di moneta a vostra signoria illustrissima dovuta, vorrei pregarla, per togliere tutti gl'abusi, a mandarmi nota distinta dei pagamenti da lei fatti, o ch'è per fare, dopo l'ultimo rimborso ch'ella ha havuto notizia dal Paravicino esserle stato fatto, affine di poter usare anche in questo la dovuta puntualità, et a vostra signoria illustrissima bacio etc.

98. 1672. Dicembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Vostra signoria illustrissima ha fatto ottimamente a far pagare altri cinquanta scudi al P. Pattuillet, et io farò rimettere al solito il denaro al banco del Paravicini, et il simile farò di quel più ch'ella rimarra creditore, presupponendo, atteso il suo ritorno, ch'ella havera bisogno di valersi qui e non cola della moneta. La lettera de 12 Novembre assieme coll' altra ingiunta del P. Patuillet, la farò vedere al signor Cardinal Barberino, e se sua eminenza cosa alcuna si compiacera di comandarmi, di tutto per il futuro ne darò parte, e bacio etc.

99. 1672. Dicembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio sudetto.

Riferirò nella prima congregazione la necessita che vi è di prorogare il termine concesso nel breve a D. Luca Wadingo per consacrarlo vescovo, e farlo coadiutore del vescovo Fernense. In ordine poi a questo prelado, mi conceda vostra signoria illustrissima ch'io le dica d'esser rimasto di lui sommamente scandalizzato. Chiede denaro per andarsene alla residenza, li si concede *tempore discessus*, mostra con vostra signoria illustrissima di voler allora partire, li cava di mano la moneta, e poi come non fosse fatto suo, più di questa partenza non discorre. Mettero anche lui nel numero degl' altri vescovi, i quali ho veduto per esperienza, che altro non aspirano che a smungere questa sagra congregazione; e bacio etc.

100. 1672. Dicembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Non posso ricordarmi come stia l'affare dei missionarii mandato l'anno 1670 all' isola di Mariland in America.<sup>1</sup> Mi pare ben strano che si sia usata questa trascuragine in non mandarli, o nell' atto della partenza o di poi, le solite facoltà. Vedro d'accertarmi del fatto per emendare con ordine di questa sagra congregazione quando da me si fosse fatto qualch' errore; e bacio etc.

<sup>1</sup> In his report from England, 14 Dec. 1669, Claudio Agretti, minister of the Holy See, states that Lord Baltimore told him that for twenty four years the Holy See had refused to send missionaries to Maryland, where the Catholics numbered 2,000 and had only two priests. Brady, iii, 116, and 118f.

101. 1672. Decembre 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Brusseles.

Dello speso da vostra signoria illustrissima per reintegrare i padri di S. Francesco degl' alimenti dati ad Haroldo io farò subito rimborsarla, con depositare il denaro nel banco del Paravicino, ne vostra signoria illustrissima in questa parte deve avere alcun' dubbio che qui fosse per difficolcarsi il rimborso, o non approvarsi lo speso, mentre si tratta di materia grave, e che molto maggior somma sarebbe ben impiegata per togliere ad Aroldo colla necessita di tornare in Ibernia l'occasione d'inquietare; e bacio etc.

102. 1672. Decembre 3. A Monsignor Brenano, Vescovo di Watfordia.

Io attendo con desiderio il signor Gio. Leyburo, ancorche mi persuado che devo seco usare un difficoltoso barcheggio. Se potrò haver in mano copia autentica dell' erezione del capitolo di Londra, stimero ben impiegato ogni mio passato e futuro fastidio, per la speranza che ho di trovar ivi cosa da far conoscere a questi signori cardinali la necessita nella quale siamo costituiti di non differire sopra questo punto d'avantaggio la publicatione del decreto col quale si dichiari nullo quel capitolo; e bacio etc.

103. 1672. Decembre 3. A Monsignor Brenano, Vescovo di Watfordia.

Tardi rispondo alla lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de 6 Settembre perche e tardi mi è capitata, e perche la mia poca salute m'ha obligato a star lontano per molti giorni da negocii.

Questa lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima le riferirò in sagra congregazione, et unitamente la relazione della sua diocesi, ch'ella informa di rispondere ai quesiti del foglio stampato mi ha inviato. Vorrei pero che in futuro ella non si valesse piu in simili casi del foglio stampato, mentre all' intelligenza di esso non arriva la mia poca capacita, e pero invece di quello vorrei che vostra signoria illustrissima mandasse la pura relazione del numero de Cattolici che in ciaschedun luogo della sua diocesi, de sacerdoti che vi sono, se sono secolari, o regolari, e di qual ordine; in che siano difettosi, quali siano le loro virtu, se assistono ad un luogo solo, s'a piu luoghi, quanto tra loro questi sono distanti, dove celebrino, se habbino suppellettili sacre, di che vivino, se da un pezzo in qua si siano fatti acquisti o scapiti per la religione, e simili; et a vostra signoria etc.

104. 1672. Decembre 13. Al Signor Abbate Cataloni.

Per parte del signor Gio. Obrien fu supplicata questa sacra congregazione affinche o il vescovato Corcagiensis, o la giurisdizione sopra di esso col titolo di vicario apostolico, gl'impetrasse da sua beatitudine. Per haver notizia delle qualita del supplicante ne fu ricercato monsignor nunzio

di Parigi, e le diede perfettissima, e furono havute in molta stima in riguardo massime ch'egli nomino per autore di esse il signor Cardinal Bonci.

Questa affare dovra portarsi nella congregazione particolare d'Ibernia, dove io fedelmente tutto riferiro. Resta solo a me per ubbidire a vostra signoria illustrissima di far la parte di profeta con presagire l'esito, che credo sara per havere questo negozio. Io in esso vi considero tre difficoltà. La prima riguarda solo il punto di creare il signor Giovanni Obrian vescovo di Corcage, il che crederei impossibile atteso lo stato torbido nel quale si trova quel regno, massime nelle materie della religione. L'altre due difficoltà riguardano il crearlo vicario apostolico, e sono, prima, se vi fosse vicario capitolare, il quale non havesse alcun demerito, nel qual caso la sagra congregazione va molto riguardata, massime da qualche mese in qua, a creare vicarii apostolici. L'altra, che al vescovato Corcagiense et alla carica di vicario apostolico concorre anco il signor Taddeo Obrien,<sup>1</sup> del quale non solo vi sono ottime relazioni, ma viene egli raccomandato dal Conte d'Insiquin, Cattolico Ibernese, caldissimamente. Ora che vostra signoria illustrissima di tutto è informata, attendero i suoi commandamenti; e le bacio etc.

105. 1672. Dicembre 29. Al Signor Pro-Datario.

Rimetto umilmente a vostra eminenza l'aggiunta copia, nella quale si contengono alcune istanze degl' arcivescovi d'Ibernia colla risoluzione della sagra congregazione del S. Officio, e mentre la supplico a dar ordine per la spedizione di questo decreto, a vostra eminenza fo profondissimo inchino.

106. 1672. Dicembre 31. Al Signor Giovanni Sollevano.

Giovedì mattina fu consegnato in mano del P. Alberto Noex, presidente del collegio di S. Norberto, il mandato di scudi cento venti soliti pagarsi da questa sagra congregazione a cotesto collegio; et a vostra signoria ne porto questa notizia affinche conosca haver io pienamente adempito il suo desiderio rimostratomi con sua del primo cadente; e resto etc.

107. 1672. Dicembre 31. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Dall'acchiusa ch'io scrivo al Sollevano, la quale mando a vostra signoria illustrissima a sigillo volante, scorgera come prontamente habbia ubbidito ai comandamenti di vostra signoria illustrissima in haver fatto spedire il mandato di scudi centoventi al P. Alberto Noex per conto del collegio di Lovanio. Mi dia pur ella continue occasioni di servirla per poter farmi credere in ogni tempo etc.

<sup>45</sup> Thadeus O'Brien, dean of Lismore, signed the declaration of loyalty made by the Irish clergy in Dublin on 15 June 1666. Brady, i. 336.



108. 1673. Gennaro 17. A Monsignor Casanate, Assessore del S. Ufficio.

E capitata a me l'annessa lettera di monsignor internunzio di Bruselles, la quale in copia, secondo lo stile di questa sagra congregazione, rimetto in mano di vostra signoria illustrissima, affinche si degni di riferirla a cotesti eminentissimi miei signori, e dare a me poi un cenno della risoluzione che si degneranno di pigliare sopra il tenore de essa. Etc.

109. 1673. Gennaro 21. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

La lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima de 24 del caduto, che concerne il particolare della dispensa richiestagli da monsignor Armachano, e stata da me in copia, secondo lo stile di questa sagra congregazione, rimessa in mano di monsignor Casanate affinche la riferisca alla sagra congregazione del S. Ufficio. Attendero che il sudetto monsignor acceni a me la risoluzione, per poi subito comunicarla a vostra signoria illustrissima, la qual riverisco divotamente.

110. 1673. Gennaro 21. A Monsignor Internunzio di Fiandra.

Non è compita la lettera di cambio di scudi 550 che vostra signoria illustrissima ha richiesto con sua favorita de 24 scorso, perche da me, con sollecitudine eguale al debito che mi corre di servirla, s'è gia fatto pagare in mano de signori Paravicini gl'ultimi scudi 50 da lei sborsati per conto del P. Patuillet, come si degnera vedere dall' aggiunta nota di questa computisteria. In corpo di questa vi e bensi la rimessa dei scudi diciotto  $1/3$  pagati da vostra signoria illustrissima a beneficio del P. Aroldo ; onde restano soldate tutte le partite ; e bacio etc.

111. 1673. Gennaro 25. A Monsignor Assessore del S. Ufficio.

Ha l'agente del clero d'Ibernia presentato a me l'annesso memoriale perche lo riferisca a questi eminentissimi miei signori, e perche si tratta di materia spettante à cotesta sagra congregazione, lo rimetto conforme al solito a vostra signoria illustrissima, alla quale rassegno la mia vera osservanza, e resto con baciarle riverentemente le mani.

112. 1673. Febbraro 18. A Monsignor Taia, Regente della Penitentiaria.

Dopo esser stata riferita in questa sagra congregazione di Propaganda una lettera di monsignor internunzio di Bruselles colla quale dava conto che da monsignor arcivescovo d'Armach gl'era stata domandata una certa dispensa in primo affinitatis ex illicita copula per un Ibernese che non nomina, fu questa per ordine di questi eminentissimi miei signori rimessa in conformità del solito alla sagra congregazione del S. Ufficio,



dalla quale è stato fatto il decreto che io divotamente rimetto a vostra signoria illustrissima, supplicandola a dar ordine che sia spedita la dispensa sudetta con farmela poi tener in mano per poter mandarla in Ibernia, et etc.

113. 1673. Febbraro 18. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Con rimettere a vostra signoria illustrissima la dispensa richiestagli da monsignor Armachano per quell' Ibernese che non nomina, della quale ella ha fatto menzione nella sua lettera de 24 Dicembre prossimo passato, le mando anche la copia di tutto cio che ha scritto a me monsignor Casanate, il quale esprime cosi bene, come vostra signoria illustrissima intenderà, i sensi di questa sagra congregazione del S. Officio circa il modo che si deve contenere in occasione che gli venghino fatte istanze per simili dispense, che a me null' altro resta d'aggiungere fuori delle mie suppliche per esser onorate de suoi comandamenti etc.

114. 1673. Febbraro 18. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Col dispaccio di vostra signoria illustrissima de 21 passato mi capitano due lettere di monsignor Brenano, colle quali m'avvisa di mandare una relazione della sua diocesi assai piu piena di quella che pezzo fa ha mi rimessa. E perchè questa non è pervenuta, supplico vostra signoria illustrissima a far avvertire se fosse restata nella sua segretaria, per favorarmene poi a tempo debito. Vivo colla solita ambizione di servirla etc.

115. 1673. Marzo 25. A Monsignor Vescovo di Watfordia.

Io non potro piu riferire in questa sagra congregazione il tenore delle lettere di vostra signoria illustrissima, perche la santità di nostro signore mi ha honorato di farmi Assessore del S. Officio, e fatte le feste pigliaro il possesso e della carica e della habitazione. Monsignor Cerri sarà il segretario sino all' arrivo in Roma di monsignor Ravizza, che per esser prelato degnissimo e d'ottima intelligenza, supplirà a miei difetti.

La relazione ch'ella m'avvisa d'haver mandata non è sin hora comparsa, et ho scritto a monsignor internunzio di Bruselles perchè capitandogli me la trasmetti. Il P. Molloy<sup>1</sup> et il dottore Fallonio resteranno certamente contenti, e già a favori di questi ho fatto con monsignor Cerri quelle parti che si dovevano in riguardo e del loro merito, e della premura che ha vostra signoria illustrissima della loro ezaltazione ; e resto etc.

<sup>1</sup> Fr. Francis Molloy, O.F.M. together with Gregory Fallon, was proposed for an Irish bishopric in the congregation of Propaganda held on 27 Jan. 1674. On 22 May 1670 Molloy had been appointed agent of the Irish Franciscans in the Roman Curia. See Gregory Cleary, *Luke Wadding and St. Isidore's College, Rome*, Rome 1925, pp. 104ff.

116. 1673. Aprile 10. A Monsignor Baldeschi, Assessore del S. Ufficio.

Nella congregazione de 9 Febraro prossimo passato fu dalla santità di nostro signore, col parere di cotesti eminentissimi signori generali inquisitori accordata per penitentiera segreta la dispensa d'un certo N. nobile Ibernese, il qual trovavasi impedito di contrahere i sponsali de praesenti con una donna a cagione d'haver conosciuto carnalmente la madre di essa. Questa fu rimessa al signor internunzio di Bruselles colla copia della lettera medesima che fu scritto da monsignor Casanata a vostra signoria illustrissima in data degl' 11 detto, nella quale ordinò in nome di sua beatitudine che fusse ammonito il detto signor internunzio per i casi futuri che l'opinione da lui partecipata a monsignor Armacano, mentre lo consiglio a concedere la sudetta dispensa, non era seguita ne approvata da cotesta sagra congregazione, la quale non permetteva agl' ordinarii nei casi occulti, e della qualita appunto ch'era quello dell' Ibernese sudetto, di dispensare per se stessi cogl' impediti, ma devono far ricorso a questa santa sede.

Il signor internunzio nell' accusare la ricevuta della dispensa, e della copia della lettera sudetta, aggiunge in questo proposito con molta sommissione i fondamenti per i quali si è indotto a consigliare monsignor Armacano di concedere la dispensa accennata; e perche nel fine della lettera mostra desiderio che le sue ragioni siano fatto note a monsignor Cassanate, ho stimato mio debito comunicarle a vostra signoria illustrissima come fo nell' aggiunto foglio. Con tal congiunttura confermo a lei le mie strettissime obbligazioni etc.

117. 1673. Aprile 11. Al P. Molonio,<sup>1</sup> procuratore de riformati d'Ibernia.

Sara noto a vostra paternità che per litigii nati fra i Padri Domenicani et i religiosi del suo ordine che stanno in Ibernia, fu deputato da monsignor internunzio di Bruselles, d'ordine di questa sagra congregazione, monsignor arcivescovo d'Armach, colla facoltà di deffinire per giustizia tutto questo affare, e comporre gl'animi di quei religiosi pur troppo discordi fra di loro. Nella congregazione de 21 Gennaro furono riferite le suppliche de' padri Domenicani, i quali facevano istanza per la confirmazione della sentenza data al loro favore da monsignor arcivescovo sudetto, e perche è stata a me rimessa dalla sagra congregazione la cognizione della validità e della sussistenza di questa sentenza, fo sapere a vostra paternità ch'ella avanti di me deduca tutto cio che le puol occorrere in questo proposito; e le prego molte felicità etc.

<sup>1</sup> See Molloy, Francis, above. *Riformati* was a title commonly given to the Franciscans of the Stricter Observance.

118. 1673. Aprile 15. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Lunedì o martedì si terra la congregazione, ed io non mancarò di riferire a questi eminentissimi miei signori la necessità che vi è di concedere alli signori Gerardo Gerardini et Odoardo Hargs la dispensa in secondo e terzo di consanguinità, creduta da me molto necessaria per comporre i dispareri che passano fra questi due soggetti; anze se la congregazione non fusse per tenersi così breve, io mi sarei preso l'arbitrio, regolandomi col solito di monsignor mio antecessore, di rimettere al S. Offitio la medesima lettera scritta da monsignor arcivescovo di Cassel, affinché più speditamente potesse rimaner contento questo buon prelato, e sodisfatti quelli tra quali deve contrahersi il matrimonio. Con questa notizia, che porto anticipatamente a vostra signoria illustrissima, confermo a lei il mio desiderio di servirla etc.

119. 1673. Maggio 13. A Monsignor Arcivescovo di Dublino.

E ben si capitata la lettera di vostra signoria illustrissima in data de 12 Febraro scritta al signor Cardinal Altieri, ma non già le scritture ch'ella suppone d' haver accompagnate colla medesima, e che concernono l'affare di cotesto primate; ond' ella per questo avviso ch'io le do, potrà, quando l'abbia in pronto, rimetterle, affine di poter coll' altre di monsignor Armacano considerare e risolvere quello che sarà più confacevole al compimento di buona giustitia; etc.

120. 1673. Giugno 2. A Monsignor Baldeschi, Assessore del S. Offizio.

Il signor internunzio di Bruselles, nella lettera ch'io mi do l'honore di rimettere a vostra signoria illustrissima, domanda le facoltà per il regno d'Inghilterra, e l'altre per Ibernia. Quanto alle prime, ben sa vostra signoria illustrissima che a me non tocca di parlarne, non essendo negozio della mia bottega. Rispetto poi all' altre, mi pare di conoscere che il signor internunzio le vorrebbe assai ample, e particolarmente nelle materie delle dispense; ond' io non so veramente s'egli potrà sortire questo suo desiderio, perche trovo da questi registri che monsignor Airoldi, suo antecessore, supplicò parimente perche le fossero ampliate le facoltà già concedutegli, e da i signori cardinali fu deputato l'eminentissimo Albizi a riflettere sopra quelle che furono accordate al vicario d'Olanda, per decidere poi se queste stesse, o pure con quali limitazioni, potrebbero darsi al signor internunzio; e nella congregazione de 20 Marzo passato fu considerato che non essendo egli ne vescovo, e ne tampoco sacerdote, non se gli dovevano concedere altre facoltà che quella di leggere i libri proibiti, che già haveva ottenuta da cotesta sagra congregazione. Io supplico pero vostra signoria illustrissima, nel rimandare che farà

l'aggiunta, a suggerirmi i suoi prudentissimi consigli di ciò che posso fare per servire il signor abbate Falconieri, e bacio etc.

121. 1673. Giugno 10. A Monsignor Arcivescovo d'Armach.

A due lettere di vostra signoria illustrissima de 10 e 14 Marzo m'occorre rispondere che gl'abusi praticati da cotesti religiosi nell' introduzione di tanti novitiati e nella poca direzione di essi, veranno certamente rimossi, perchè da questi eminentissimi miei signori v'è stata con gl'altri particolari d'Ibernia destinata una particolare congregazione; ne io in questa tralasciero tutte le riflessioni fatta da vostra signoria illustrissima. Rispetto poi alla gratia ch'ella domanda per monsignor vescovo Laonense di farlo partire in Parigi a procurare l'effettuazione del collegio per cotesti Ibernesi, io non ho mancato di porla fra i negotii che si devono riferire nella sagra congregazione di Lunedì, e prego Dio che vostra signoria illustrissima rimanga consolata. Vero è bene pero che la memoria prossima ch'havranno questi eminentissimi miei signori d'haver sollecitato questo buon prelato a portarsi alla sua residenza le difficaltarà la gratia, perchè sicome prima di partire di Parigi fece nota la cagione impulsiva e zelante che lo moveva a far colà soggiorno, ne fu questa stimata sussistente per impetrare l'assenso di fermarvisi; dubito con questo fondamento ch'egli ne pure sia per impetrare il pieno del suo desiderio, e quando poi l'ottenga, non habbia pero la gratia d'essercitare i pontificali, perchè in casi anche piu forti si è questa positivamente negata. Godro d'havermi a restrattare di questa notitia, ch'io do precedentemente a vostra signoria illustrissima, ed haver frequenti occasioni di servirla etc.

122. 1673. Luglio 8. A Monsignor Internunzio Bruselles.

Col dispaccio di vostra signoria illustrissima delli 17 Giugno mi sono capitate le lettere e di monsignor vescovo di Watfordia e del signor Sollevano, a quali rispondo colle presenti che li mando a sigillo alzato perchè ella, doppo haverne letto il contento, le spedisca al suo viaggio.

I disordini che nel regno d'Ibernia procedono per la soverchia immoderatezza dei religiosi Francescani, penso certamente che saranno rimossi, e giachè si vede che la divisione della provincia puole agevolmente influire a risecare i scandali, sarà forse che questi eminentissimi miei signori deliberino di farla; e già a questa corte è giunto un certo padre Aroldo, Ibernese, che mi pare d'intendere che con molta applicatione si studia di provare la necessità che vi è di venire a quest' atto. Voglia Dio che gl'affari d'Inghilterra prendano buona piega, e che gl'afflitti Cattolici d'Ibernia godano appunto gl'effetti benigni dell' intentione del re.

Questo capitolo di lettera sarà da me comunicato a monsignor Baldeschi, giachè tutti i negotii d'Inghilterra sono stati da lui trasportati



da questa segreteria, per commandamento del signor Cardinal Barberino ; onde questa notizia servirà a vostra signoria illustrissima per sua norma nei casi futuri.

Mi dorrebbe che il povero monsignor Dublinense, che per altro lo stimo soggetto applicato al servizio di Dio et ai vantaggi della Cattolica religione, debbe allontanarsi dai tre regni, e pur troppo dubito che li succeda a caggione dell' impostura fattagli ch'egli habbia molestato alcuni religiosi Domenicani. Ha pero giuditio, e maniere assai destre, e pero credo che saprà schermirsi, e render palese la sua innocenza, ancorche l'obbligo d'obedire irreplicabilmente la costituirà forse in qualche confusione, e sarà per intrepidire non ordinariamente gl'altri prelati in procurare i vantaggi della Cattolica religione.

Rispetto all' affare di Serra Leona nulla a me occorre di replicare, perchè à quest' hora havrà havuta la resolutione di questa sagra congregazione etc.

123. 1673. Luglio 8. A Monsignor Brennano, Vescovo di Watfordia.

De 22 Febraro e 30 Aprile sono le lettere che a me capitano di vostra signoria illustrissima, le quali perchè contengono diversi punti, mi fo lecito di rispondere a ciascheduno.

Le relationi di cotesta sua diocesi sono giunte a questa segreteria, dalla quale ancorchè gli ne sia stata accusata altre volte la ricevuta, tanto per sua quiete gli ne reitero questa notizia.

Disturbi che apportano a cotesto regno i religiosi dell' ordine di S. Francesco io spero che saranno moderati, giachè si preme per la divisione della provincia, colla quale si vede infallibile la remotione dei disordini. Bisognarà pensare di risolvere quello che sara piu confacevole al servizio di Dio e piu proprio alla quiete del regno, perchè chiaramente si scorge e si puol credere indubitamente che tutte le novita scandalose, l'appostatura di tanti religiosi, et il loro vagare ad arbitrio, provenga appunto del non essere visitati, e dal non havere in una tal congiuntura chi li dirriga e freni nelle loro volontà pur troppo inclinate a tutto il rimanente fuori al servizio di Dio ; ne correrà molto tempo che si convocherà una particolar congregazione nelle quale si prenderà anche qualche temperamento sopra l'introduzione in Ibernia di tanti novitiati, giacchè l'esperienza fa conoscere che l'essersi scritto ai superiori per qualche provvedimento non ha giovato sin' hora.

Rispetto poi alli contrasti tra cotesti vescovi e regolari circa al modo di esporre i cadaveri, io non tralascio di rappresentarli a questi eminentissimi miei signori, et intanto s'applichi vostra signoria illustrissima per quanto puo alla compositione degl' animi discordi, con quell' attenzione della quale vengo informato ch'ella si serva in tutte le congiunture.



Parimente riferiro la necessità di pigliare qualche providimento per gl'habitanti dell' isole di Barbadas,<sup>1</sup> e la piu curta sarà di rimettere a monsignor internunzio questa faccenda, perche doppo le debite informationi e doppo il lume ch'ella potrà darli, prenda una stabile risoluzione valevole a provvedere al bisogno di tante anime che non hanno chi gl'assiste nell' occorrenze spirituali.

Piaccia a Dio che le machine di Valesio non apportino in Ibernia maggiori novità di quelle ha saputo recare la sua pertinace ostinazione in non cedere alle paterne ammonitioni, in sprezzare i decreti di questa sagra congregazione, e nel stare costante in dar disturbi specialmente ai prelati et ecclesiastici di cotesto regno ; ed io staro con desiderio indicibile d'attendere da vostra signoria illustrissima l'avviso di quello sara per seguire contro di lui.

La carta che mi dice di mandare di monsignor Talbot non l'ho ritrovata congiunta alle sue lettere, come accenna, e mi affliggo amaramente che il memoriale presentato da i Domenicani al Vice-Re possa influire contro il medesimo et i prelati del regno non ordinarie amarezze.

Dia sia quello pero che tronchi l'orditura d'un accidente cosi funesto, per bene della Cattolica religione, etc.

124. 1673. Luglio 15. A Monsignor Nuntio di Spagna.

Doppo haver io per commandamento del signor Cardinal Altieri, padrone, riferito a sua eminenza il tenore della lettera scrittagli da vostra signoria illustrissima, colla quale a nome di cotesto signor ambasciatore d'Inghilterra raccomanda con molta efficacia il P. Patritio Tyrello<sup>2</sup> per uno de vescovati d'Ibernia, et in specie quello della chiesa Kildariense, mi ha commandato l'eminenza sua che io, intendendomela con vostra signoria illustrissima, la richiede in suo nome a mandare a me una precisa notitia delle qualità personali del religioso sudetto, per poter con questa nella congregazione particolare de negotii del regno d'Ibernia far mentione d'esso nella forma appunto che si costuma di fare degl' altri soggetti che aspirano a simili gradi ; non tralasci vostra signoria illustrissima di scrivere a suo favore per la gratia richiesta, ch'io mai tralasciario di servirla in occasione de suoi commandamenti etc.

125. 1673. Luglio 29. A Monsignor Nuntio di Madrid.

Doppo haver monsignor Cerri, per mio ordine, con sua lettera de 15

<sup>1</sup> In 1656 it was computed that the number of Catholics sent to the Barbadoes had reached 60,000, and in 1666 a priest who visited the islands found that there were no fewer than 12,000 Irish scattered among them, and that they were treated as slaves. See Moran, Patrick Francis, *Historical sketch of the persecutions suffered by the Catholics of Ireland*, Dublin 1907, pp. 343ff.

<sup>2</sup> Appointed to the bishopric of Clogher by Propaganda 4 May 1676. Translated to Meath, 24 Jan. 1689. Brady, i, 240, 257, 284, and see Cleary, op. cit., pp. 118ff.

cadente, richiesta vostra signoria a mandar quà una distinta relatione delle qualità personali del P. Patritio Tirelli, che da cotesto signor ambasciatore d'Inghilterra viene proposto per la chiesa Kildarienze, overo Clummacnocense in Ibernìa, ho voluto anch' io confermare a lei quanto in mio nome è stato scritto, et in questo medesimo tempo suggerirle che se bene gl'affari del regno d'Ibernìa sono hoggidi in stato piu di scemare che d'accrescere il numero de vescovi, nulladimeno non si mancherà nella prima congregazione particolare di riferire il merito del P. Tirelli, e gl'uffitii di cotesto signor ambasciatore, per indurre gl'animi di questi eminentissimi miei signori a gratificare il suo desiderio ; et intanto sarà pensiero di vostra signoria d'assicurarli della mia buona volontà di servirla, affinch' egli in retributione di cio possa a lei dar lume con sincera direttione del modo col quale appunto potrebbero procurarsi i mezzi per la dilatione della Cattolica religione nei regni del re suo signore. Tralascio di ricordare a vostra signoria in questo proposito l'uso d'una fina destrezza per le riprove che ho della sua attentione ne negotii di non leggera importanza, e mi le offero etc.

126. 1673. Agosto 11. A Monsignor Baldeschi, Assessore del S. Officio.

Doppo haver fatto copiare quei capitoli dell' aggiunta lettera che parlano degl' affari d'Ibernìa, la mando a vostra signoria illustrissima perchè si degni di far rispondere al signor internunzio nelle forme che le parranno piu divote sopra gl'affari d'Inghilterra. Al medesimo farò replicare quest' ordinario che i negotii d'Inghilterra stanno in mano di vostra signoria illustrissima, perchè in avvenire possa scrivere adirittura, e mi meraviglio che sin' hora non habbia cio praticato etc.

127. 1673. Agosto 12. Al Signor Internunzio di Bruselles.

. . . . Rispetto poi all' abbate de Burgo, et alle sue domande fatte col mezzo di vostra signoria illustrissima per esser provveduto d'una delle due chiese vacanti nella provincia di Cassel, non posso per hora altro dirle che la deliberatione di cio è stata riservata da questi eminentissimi miei signori con altri particolari d'Ibernìa per una congregazione particolare, la quale da me non potrà esse fatta ; quando pero monsignor mio Ravizza non tardasse tanto ch'io potesse liberarmi da una congregazione sopra gl'Armeni che già stà in giro, ed a un' altra che sto facendo sopra le missioni di Scotia, potrà intanto vostra signoria illustrissima colla sua solita prudenza andar destreggiando con questo soggetto, che per essersi fatto credere cervello storto, non so qual sodisfattione potrà riportare sopra le sue domande.

Riferiro a questi eminentissimi miei signori l'accidente succeduto

al Dublinense, et il pensiero ch'egli è probabilmente per haver da fermarsi in Fiandra, acciochè vostra signoria illustrissima possa col l'accarezzarlo, e no incontrare i sensi di questa sagra congregazione, e farli quelle gratie che saranno stimate necessarie. Intanto attendero volentieri di sentire la cagione principale di questa sua sventura, e se veramente sia fondata sul livore che tempo fa passo fra lui e l'Armachano hora reconciliato, o pure provenga da quei religiosi Domenicani che fu supposto havessero da lui non intiera soddisfazione, notitie che in caso d'innocenza potrebbero muover l'animo di questa sagra congregazione a farle qualche favore, che per altro se si fusse allo sproposito comprata la disgrazia, ne sarebbe escluso. A vostra signoria illustrissima colle solite proteste della mia vera osservazione etc.

128. 1673. Agosto 10. Al medesimo Signor Internunzio.

I padri del convento Ibernese di Lovanio sono stati gratiati della annua provisione anticipata a puro motivo de uffitii fatti per loro da vostra signoria illustrissima; vero è bene pero che questi eminentissimi miei signori non hanno voluto in modo alcuno che il denaro si paghi al P. Knon, procurator generale della provincia, come ella scrisse con sua degl' otto caduto, ma hanno commandato che si mandi a vostra signoria illustrissima, perche nel consegnarlo possa rimettere la dovuta quietanza. Io pero che rifletto sopra il cambio, che, come altre volte mi ha lei scritto, e molto rigoroso, ho stimato bene di non far spedire il mandato sino a tanto che vostra signoria illustrissima non avvisa i suoi sentimenti, e la piu curta parrebbe a me che fusse quella che i religiosi sudetti consegnassero a vostra signoria illustrissima la ricevuta per altrittanti ricevuti, colla diffusa dichiarazione del rimanente, che con mandarla poi quà, vedendo cauta la sagra congregazione, mi pigliaro poi l'arbitrio di far spedire il mandato in persona di chi ella sarà rescrivermi, e con tutta l'animo la riverisco, etc.

129. 1673. Ottobre 31. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Tutta volta che lo stato presente degl' affari della religione in Ibernìa non permetta che monsignor di Clocher<sup>1</sup> passi alla sua residenza, prudentemente ha fatto vostra signoria illustrissima a dissuaderlo dal fisso pensiero che ha di partirsi da Londra, e potrà anche continuare a farlo permanere dove si trova per non porre in azzardo colla sua gita gl'altri prelati, che pur troppo si ha relatione che vivino fra il timore e la speranza, che quando poi si vedranno tranquillati i torbidi dell' Inghilterra, e sedate le dubiezze de vescovi Ibernesei, all' hora potrà questo prelato adempire le proprie incumbenze, et incaminarsi alla sua chiesa. Riferiro

<sup>1</sup> Patrick Duffy.

in sagra congregazione il contenuto della sua de 30 caduto, e se altro in questo proposito risolveranno questi eminentissimi miei signori, ne sarà vostra signoria illustrissima fatta partecipe etc.

130. 1673. Dicembre 9. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles. Transmetto a vostra signoria illustrissima qui annesso il breve ch'ella richiese ad istanza di monsignor vescovo di Watfordia a questi eminentissimi miei signori per l'assoluzione dall' irregolarità nella quale incorso come mandante dell' homicidio commesso in persona d'una spia de settarii; con tal opportunità rammento etc.

131. 1674. Gennaro 27. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Nella prossima congregazione, che non si terra prima di Quaresima, propongo l'istanza contenuta nella gentilissima di vostra signoria illustrissima de 30 di Dicembre passato, rimessiva ad un'altra sua de 21 Ottobre, circa la concessione delle facultà di poter dispensare in 2° et 3° di consanguinità ed affinità; onde per hora mi fo lecito di acursarne semplicemente a vostra signoria illustrissima la ricevuta, con rappresentarle d'haver rinvenuto in questo archivio che da monsignor mio antecessore fu dato parte a monsignor Airoidi con lettere de 14 e 28 di Novembre 1671, de 3 Settembre e 15 Ottobre 1672, e 18 di Febraro 1673, che la sagra congregazione non inclinò a concederla fuori che per li casi particolari che saranno di costi avvisati. Anzi quella del S. Officio, con lettera de 28 Giugno 1670 scritta all' istesso monsignor Airoidi, proibì espressamente tal concessione, et ultimamente sotto il 6 del corrente la nego a i prelati et a gl' ordinarii d'Ibernia. Intorno poi all' altre facolta che vostra signoria eccellentissima desidera, ho trovato che sotto li 20 di Marzo passato fu risoluto che non se le devono concedere, mentre ella non ha il carattere vescovale come l'hanno i vicarii apostolici d'Olanda, a quali è stato solito darsi, e che dal S. Officio non è stata concessuta a monsignori suoi antecessori altra autorità che di leggere i libri proibiti, ed assolvere dall' eresie; sicome fu già avvisato con lettere de 15 d'Ottobre 1672. Tali notitie ho creduto bene di portare a vostra signoria illustrissima sino è che piu ella rimanga accertata colle risoluzioni che si degnaranno pigliare questi eminentissimi miei signori, assicurandola che bramarei fossero uniformi al suo desiderio, e per la divota servitu che le professo, e per la stima singolare che fo delle virtu e della prudenza di vostra signoria illustrissima etc.

132. 1674. Febraro 3. A Monsignor Internunzio di Bruselles.

Qui annessi ricevera vostra signoria illustrissima due brevi per le due dispense ch'ella accenno con lettere de 14 d'Ottobre 1673, richieste da



monsignor arcivescovo Armacano in favor del paroco Eduardo Drumgoole, e della giovane Cattolica chiamata Rosa di quella diocese, con che rassegnò a vostra signoria illustrissima la mia solita divotione etc.

133. 1674. Febbraro 10. A Monsignor Internunzio Brusselles.

Dall' humanissima di vostra signoria illustrissima de 20 Gennaro caduto riconosco la sua premura in favore dell' istanza di monsignor Armacano per il pagamento del denaro che pretende dalla sagra congregazione, alla quale furono antecedentemente portate le medesime istanze; e questi eminentissimi miei signori ordinarono semplicemente, primo che io prendesse il possesso della carica, li pagamenti delli scudi centocinquanta per l'anno 1673. Di essi ha già pronto il mandato il computista per consegnarlo all' agente d'Ibernia tutta volta che ne mostri la procura in persona sua dell Armacano, sicome è stato detto a lui medesimo, per osservare le norme consuete che si praticano quì; et a vostra etc.

134. 1674. Marzo 24. A Monsignor Internunzio, Bruselles.

Ricevo due gratissime di vostra signoria illustrissima de 14 e 24 di Febbraro passato, alle quali mi fo lecito di rispondere colla presente. Intorno al particolare contenuto della prima, di sapere quali siano le facultà che vostra signoria illustrissima può usare negl' affari d'Ibernia, io non lasciarò di parlarne nella prima prossima congregazione, per intendere gl'oracoli di questi eminentissimi miei signori, d'ordine de quali trasmessi già a vostra signoria illustrissima la facultà di convalidare le dispense da lei date in 2° et 3°.

Con l'altra lettera ricevo anche quelle dell' Armacano coll' avviso della morte del vescovo Tuamense, e parimente riferirò in congregazione le prudenti riflessioni di vostra signoria illustrissima circa il non accrescere il numero de vescovi in Ibernia. Quanto poi alle pretensioni dall' istesso Armacano per il rimborso delle spese fatte per il porto delle lettere e per li viaggi fatti, furono riferite nella congregazione de 9 di Gennaro passato, e parve a quei eminentissimi miei signori di non inclinarvi, non volendo mettere l'uso di pagare somiglianti porti di lettere e i viaggi, mentre quando furono dati all' istesso Armacano scudi 100, intessero di donargliene a titolo semplice di regalo, e non di altro. Tuttavia per servire vostra signoria illustrissima, portarò di nuovo le predette istanze dell' Armacano colle reintegrate premure sue.

Monsignor arcivescovo Tuamense fece istanza nella congregazione de 26 di Febbraro scorso per la facultà di dispensare in 2° et 3° con Edmondo Bodquein e Catarina Brine, et haviendogliela benignamente conceduta la sagra congregazione del S. Offitio alla quale fu rimessa, ne trasmetto a vostra signoria illustrissima qui annessa la lettera, supplicandola a farla rendere al Tuamense sudetto,



135. 1674. Marzo 24. A Monsignor Nunzio di Spagna.

Lo stato dell' affare della promotione del P. Patritio Tirelli ad uno de vescovati in Ibernia si ritrova ancora nel principio in cui lo lasciò monsignor Cerri, poichè doppo ricevutasi la lettera de 23 Agosto 1673, colla quale vostra signoria illustrissima sodisfece pienamente nel raguagliare l'eminentissimo padrone delle ottime qualità del padre medesimo, non vorro che in cio sia stata fatta niuna relatione, non che pigliata alcuna determinatione; ed hora qual piu che mi spiace è che questo negozio stimato così utile alla nostra religione ed a suoi progressi, non potrà così presto sortir l'effetto che si brama, perche tanto monsignor arcivescovo Armacano quanto monsignor internunzio di Bruselles, avvisando ultimamente la morte di monsignor vescovo Tuamense, soggiungono non essere bene l'eleggere altri vescovi di presente in Ibernia, sia perche i Cattolici Ibernese non possono mantenere quelli che vi sono, come in riguardo alla persecutione di cui si teme da Protestanti, per il che i vescovi già pensavano di partire d'Ibernia per ricoversi in altri luoghi, dimandando a questa sagra congregazione assegnamenti affine di potersi sostentare. Anzi a giorni passati, stante le presenti congiunture di quel regno, il signor cardinal padrone non solamente si scusò di non poter servire alla maestà del imperatore, che raccomandò efficacemente il P. Milloi,<sup>1</sup> Ibernese, per una chiesa, il quale gode ogni buon concetto nell' opinione di sua eminenza che da molto tempo lo conosce, ma ancora hebbe per bene di ordinarli che io differisce a parlare d'altri negozii d'Ibernia sino a che si mutino le cose nel regno sudetto in beneficio e quiete de Cattolici. Ho stimato di portare simili notizie a vostra signoria illustrissima, perche sia informata degl' impedimenti non volontari che si offeriscono al detto Tirelli, con comandare a me quel che reputerà la sua singolar prudenza doversi eseguire; e le confermo etc.

136. 1674. Agosto 18. A Monsignor Internunzio Apostolico, Bruselles.

Piu lettere son capitate di vostra signoria illustrissima sopra gl'affari e lo stato deplorabile d'Ibernia, le quali devono riferirsi nella prossima congregazione, ma alle lodi et al zelo che s'attribuiscono a monsignor l'arcivescovo Armacano si contrapone una notizia datami che semplicemente la riferisco a vostra signoria illustrissima, ch'egli habbia insinuato a ministri regii una propositione che il pane che si da per limosina ai frati Francescani d'Ibernia bastarebbe a mantenere in servizio del re un nervo di quaranta mila soldati. Si cio è vero, l'arcivescovo ha mancato a Dio, alla religione, ed a se stesso, perche tali insinuationi sono empie et irreligiose; ma io ne sospendo la credenza, e bacio etc.

<sup>1</sup> Probably Francis Molloy, O.F.M. See above, pp. 35, 56-7.

# Vatican Library : MSS Barberini Latini

A GUIDE TO THE MATERIAL OF IRISH INTEREST  
ON MICROFILM IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, DUBLIN

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The Barberini collection of manuscripts now housed in the Vatican Library once formed part of the private library of the Barberini family at Rome which gave a Pope and four cardinals to the Church in the seventeenth century. The nucleus of the library consisted of literary treasures gathered by Maffeo Barberini, afterwards Pope Urban VIII, but its real founder was his nephew, Francis Barberini, who was made cardinal in 1623. The value of the library was greatly enhanced by the addition, in 1672, of all the codices of Cardinal Anthony Barberini. Besides the manuscripts, which numbered about 10,000, the library boasted of a collection of about 50,000 printed books. Works dealing with almost every branch of science and literature found their way into this vast collection, and in the course of the seventeenth century the great bulk of the correspondence of the Secretariate of State during the reign of Urban VIII (1623-1644) was deposited there also. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the library suffered losses and damage because of the carelessness of some of those who had been engaged to look after it, but the collection as a whole was not seriously harmed.<sup>1</sup>

In 1889 the male line of the Barberini-Colonna di Sciarra family became extinct, and not many years later Cardinal Ehrle, Prefect of the Vatican Library, was approached by a representative of the family with an offer to sell the whole collection of manuscripts and printed books to the Vatican. After much negotiation, in which Pope Leo XIII took a lively interest, agreement was reached, and in the last days of September 1902 the vast collection was transferred to the Vatican Library.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Ludovico Pastor, 'Le biblioteche private e specialmente quelle delle famiglie principesche di Roma,' in *Atti del Congresso Internazionale di Scienze Storiche*, iii, Roma 1906, 126f.

<sup>2</sup> For a full account of the negotiations and of the transfer of the library to the Vatican cf. Franz Ehrle, *Bibliothekstechnisches aus der Vatikana*, Separatabdruck aus dem *Zentralblatt für Bibliothekswesen*, xxxiii (1916) 32ff.

The Barberini collection of manuscripts is divided into three sections : *Barberini latini*, *Barberini greci*, and *Barberini orientali*. Before the collection came into the custody of the Vatican a series of inventories and alphabetical indexes covering the whole had been compiled by the last two librarians who had charge of the collection while it was still in the possession of the Barberini family. Both of those librarians had the same name : Pieralisi. The inventories and indexes for the volumes in the *Barberini latini* are divided into two sections : vols. 1-6558 are covered by 22 vols. of inventories and 44 vols. of an alphabetical index, and vols. 6559-9807 have a separate inventory of 13 vols. and an alphabetical index of 15 vols.

In November 1951 I was commissioned by Dr. Hayes, Director of the National Library, to carry out a search for material of Irish interest in the volumes of the *Barberini latini* manuscripts. The question of working through the 10,000 odd volumes which comprised the collection had, of course, to be ruled out, as such a task would be well-nigh impossible. The only solution was to rely on the inventories and indexes, although these are not entirely satisfactory. Hence, I first went through the 35 volumes of inventories, and noted any volumes of the original collection cited in them as containing Irish material, or volumes which, though not specifically mentioned as having matter relating to Ireland, might, because of the nature of their contents, be considered likely to contain such documents. Needless to say, any volumes cited in the inventories as containing matter concerning England or Scotland or places outside Ireland with which Irishmen had associations, were invariably noted for examination. In this way I listed about 580 volumes which actually contained, or might contain, material about Ireland or Irishmen. When I had finished with the inventories, I began an examination of the 59 volumes of the alphabetical index, but, on completing a perusal of the first 14 volumes, I decided not to proceed with the examination of the remaining 45 as I found that any volumes of the original collection noted down by me for examination from the 14 volumes of the index had already been listed by me for scrutiny from the inventories, and I concluded that it would be a waste of time to proceed further with the examination of the index. Therefore I began to examine in detail the 580 volumes listed from the inventories. Except for a small proportion of these volumes which happened to be provided with a rather trustworthy index, the examination of each volume was done page by page. The work was completed in July 1952, and the material relating to Ireland which has been found in these volumes is now on microfilm in the National Library, Kildare St., Dublin.

Only one or two of the documents which have been microfilmed are

in English ; most of them are written in Italian, but quite a number are in French, Latin or Spanish. For the convenience of scholars, who at some future date might be inclined to pursue still further the quest for Irish material in the *Barberini latini* collection, I append a list of all the volumes examined by me irrespective of the fact whether they contain matter about Ireland or not. I feel confident, however, that the collection will yield very little, if anything, of importance relating to Ireland which will not be found on the microfilms in the National Library.

It remains for me to express my sincere thanks to Dr. R. J. Hayes, Director of the National Library, for his help and encouragement in the course of the work, and for his kindness in allowing the following Guide to be printed in *Archivium Hibernicum*.

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### LIST OF VOLUMES EXAMINED

The following is a list of volumes examined by me in the *Barberini latini* collection in search of material relating to Ireland. Where I relied on the index to direct me to the pertinent material in a particular volume, (I) is placed after that volume ; otherwise, the examination was done page by page.

244, 346, 347, 363, 458, 518, 586(I), 713(I), 817, 864, 895, 902, 911, 920, 932, 933, 977, 985, 986, 1021, 1039, 1052, 1113, 1117, 1158, 1196, 1215, 1258, 1449, 1486, 1498, 1499, 1503, 1513, 1524, 1575, 1586, 1593, 1696, 1721, 1752, 1835, 1895, 1901, 1925, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2009, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2047, 2054, 2055, 2059, 2064, 2072, 2086, 2097, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2136, 2151, 2158, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2177, 2182, 2189, 2190, 2193(I), 2194(I), 2195(I), 2196(I), 2197(I), 2198(I), 2199(I), 2200(I), 2201(I), 2202(I), 2203(I), 2204(I), 2205(I), 2206(I), 2207(I), 2208(I), 2242, 2264, 2312, 2318, 2321, 2327, 2366, 2375, 2377, 2384, 2419, 2435, 2437, 2466, 2480, 2493, 2518(I), 2530, 2539, 2567, 2569, 2582, 2585, 2590, 2594, 2595, 2602, 2617, 2649, 2650, 2659, 2675, 2685, 2693, 2696, 2704(I), 2720, 2734, 2837, 2841, 2853, 2855, 2856, 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870(I), 2871, 2872(I), 2873, 2874(I), 2875(I), 2876(I), 2877, 2878(I), 2879, 2880(I), 2881(I), 2882(I), 2883(I), 2884(I), 2885, 2886, 2887, 2888, 2889, 2890(I), 2891(I), 2892(I), 2893(I), 2894(I), 2895(I), 2896(I), 2897(I), 2898(I), 2899(I), 2900(I), 2901(I), 2902(I), 2903(I), 2904(I), 2905(I), 2906(I), 2907(I), 2908(I), 2909(I), 2910(I), 2911(I), 2912(I), 2913(I), 2914(I), 2915(I), 2916(I), 2917(I), 2918(I), 2919(I), 2920(I), 2921(I), 2922(I),



2923(I), 2924, 2925(I), 2926(I), 2927, 2928 (Part I), 2928 (Part II), 2929, 2930, 2931, 2932 (to f. 120), 2933, 3033, 3146, 3147, 3150 (Part I), 3150 (Part II), 3166, 3219, 3377, 3385, 3460, 3462, 3511, 3539, 3565, 3572, 3594, 3595, 3603, 3604, 3616, 3618, 3623, 3631 3901, 4000, 4065, 4107, 4530, 4574, 4597, 4603, 4604, 4605, 4624, 4633, 4698, 4729, 4739(I), 4886, 4912, 4994, 4995, 5043, 5086, 5118, 5150, 5185, 5188, 5222, 5226, 5228, 5242, 5253, 5259, 5263, 5264, 5266, 5280, 5285, 5293, 5303, 5311, 5312, 5321, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5340, 5344, 5352, 5354, 5360, 5362, 5363, 5370, 5378, 5406, 5427, 5458, 5473, 5479, 5526, 5536, 5554, 5588, 5635, 5641, 5646, 5653, 5654, 5666, 5717, 5718, 5720, 5757, 5776, 5810, 5816, 5834(I), 5847(I), 5848(I), 5865, 5910, 5911, 5919, 5956, 5960, 5994, 6008, 6009, 6013, 6015, 6107, 6140, 6144, 6152, 6153, 6170, 6171, 6182, 6206, 6207, 6208, 6209, 6210, 6211, 6212, 6234, 6243, 6256, 6264, 6334, 6337, 6340, 6341, 6359, 6483, 6495, 6496, 6498, 6540, 6554, 6615, 6671, 6682, 6685, 6690, 6725, 6726, 6737, 6738, 6739, 6740, 6768, 6769, 6782, 6783, 6784, 6792, 6793, 6795, 6797, 6799, 6800, 6801, 6802, 6803, 6804, 6805, 6806, 6807, 6808, 6809, 6810, 6811, 6812, 6813, 6814, 6815, 6816, 6817, 6818, 6819, 6820, 6821, 6822, 6823, 6824, 6825, 6826, 6827, 6828, 6829, 6849, 6852, 6887, 6910, 6911, 6964, 6969, 7023, 7041, 7048, 7077, 7078, 7082, 7083, 7085, 7135, 7136, 7148, 7156, 7188, 7200, 7213, 7237, 7244, 7333, 7353, 7354, 7387, 7458, 7576, 7607, 7672, 7737, 7742, 7766, 7767, 7785, 7789, 7818, 7822, 7823, 7833, 7842, 7943, 7945, 7951, 7952, 7992, 8005, 8008, 8051, 8052, 8059, 8112, 8215, 8216, 8217, 8218, 8222, 8223, 8235, 8236, 8237, 8238, 8239, 8240, 8244, 8245, 8247, 8248, 8249, 8250, 8251, 8252, 8253, 8254, 8255, 8261, 8262, 8264, 8265, 8268, 8272, 8296, 8299, 8301, 8314, 8426, 8442, 8455, 8456, 8457, 8460, 8461, 8464, 8465, 8474, 8475, 8476, 8478, 8479, 8480, 8481, 8482, 8483, 8485, 8486, 8487, 8488, 8500, 8501, 8502, 8503, 8506, 8520, 8560, 8568, 8581, 8583, 8584, 8585, 8586, 8609, 8614, 8615, 8616, 8618, 8619, 8620, 8621, 8622, 8625, 8626, 8628, 8629, 8630, 8633, 8642, 8647, 8648 (Part I), 8648 (Part II), 8649, 8650 (Part I), 8650 (Part II), 8651, 8653 (Part I), 8653 (Part II), 8655, 8659, 8661, 8665, 8668, 8669, 8670, 8671, 8672, 8673, 8675, 8676, 8684, 8685, 8720, 8721, 8723, 8737, 8783, 8786, 8793, 8796, 8805, 8813, 8814, 8876, 8928, 9825.

#### LOCATION OF VOLUMES IN N.L.I. MICROFILMS

The volumes mentioned in the Guide correspond to the negative and positive reels of microfilm in the National Library in the following way :

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Neg. 2455, Pos. 869 : *Barb. lat.* 977—1158.

Neg. 2456, Pos. 870 : *Barb. lat.* 1196—2590.



- Neg. 2457, Pos. 871 : *Barb. lat.* 2602—2906.  
 Neg. 2458, Pos. 872 : *Barb. lat.* 2924—4597.  
 Neg. 2459, Pos. 873 : *Barb. lat.* 4605—6483.  
 Neg. 2460, Pos. 874 : *Barb. lat.* 6540—7085.  
 Neg. 2461, Pos. 875 : *Barb. lat.* 7576—8633.  
 Neg. 2462, Pos. 876 : *Barb. lat.* 8642—8653 (Part I).  
 Neg. 2463, Pos. 877 : *Barb. lat.* 8653 (Part II)—9825.

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- 363** ff. 1r-24v : Account of St. Patrick's Purgatory. [Fourteenth century codex.]
- 458** ff. 1r-349v (entire volume) : Thomas de Hibernia, *Manipulus Florum, sive excerpta ex SS. Patribus de vitiis et virtutibus*.
- 518** ff. 17r-60v : Life of St. Fursey.
- 586** ff. 104r-113v : Life of St. Brigid.
- ff. 288r-290v : Life of St. Gall. [The inventory says this codex is of the eleventh or twelfth century.]
- 713** f. 132rv : *De S. Columba*.
- ff. 259r-261v : Life of St. Brigid.
- ff. 317r-322r : *De S. Gallo*.
- ff. 388v-390v : *De S. Patricio*.
- ff. 392v-397r : *De S. Cuthberto*. [According to the inventory this codex is of the fourteenth century.]
- 817** (Part I) ff. 272r-275v : Opinion of Eugene O Hart at the Council of Trent *de doctrina et canonibus sacri ordinis*.
- 864** ff. 98v-99v : *Ex libro MS historiarum Gaufredi Hibernici*.
- 902** ff. 1r-27r (entire volume) : Apologetic discourse by James White of Waterford. Rome, 27.8.1609.
- 920** ff. 1r-154r (entire volume) : Work by Peter Walsh, Franciscan. Title runs : *Uberior ratio—Responsiones ad exceptiones inductiones et invitatio promissa in admonitione annexa ad nuper impressam expositionem, protestationem Romani catholici cleri Hiberniae . . .* On f. 154r appear the signatures of Raymond Caron and Philip Roche, London, 10.5.1662.
- 977** ff. 1r-32r (entire volume) : Work by Raymond Caron, Franciscan. Title runs : *Fidelitas demonstrata, et nupera protestatio seu fides Hibernici cleri ac populi confirmata . . .* It is dedicated to Charles II.
- 985** pp. 1-1052 (entire volume) : Work by Peter Lombard, archbishop of Armagh. Title runs : *Ad Quaestiones XII propositas presbyteris in-carceratis in castro Wisbicensi in Anglia . . . Resolutio praesentata Smo. Patri ac D. N. D. Paulo Papae Quinto et Illmis ac Revmis DD. Cardinalibus*

*Congregationis Officii Sanctae Inquisitionis a Petro Lombardo.* It is dedicated to Cardinal Aldobrandini.

**986** Same as 985, except that this copy is dedicated to Paul V. Only the dedicatory letter appears on the microfilm. The letter has no pagination, but it covers seven or eight pages. This copy of the work is written in a smaller hand than 985, and covers only 856 pages.

**1021** f. iii(r) : Approval by Hugh MacCaughwell, Franciscan, on 8.4.1625, of a work by John Brown of Edinburgh, Minim, entitled *Diadema Sacerdotale*.

**1052** ff. 1r-18v : Tract on grace by Peter Lombard, archbishop of Armagh. ff. 22r-39r : Testimonies of the Fathers against the doctrine of Molina compiled by Peter Lombard.

ff. 49r-66v : Propositions concerning the efficacy of grace. [Name of author is not mentioned, but inventory says it is probably Lombard.]

ff. 69r-85r : An opinion on a work by Molina. [Anonymous, but inventory suggests Lombard as author.]

ff. 97r-101v : A short tract on grace by Peter Lombard.

**1117** ff. 1r-11r (entire volume) : Tract on the Conception of the Blessed Virgin by Maurice Brehun of Kilkenny. Rome, 1619.

**1158** ff. 1r-31r (entire volume) : Tract by Maurice Brehun on the catholic religion. Rome, 1624.

**1196** f. 100rv : Points against Dempster's work on the Irish and Scottish saints.

ff. 115r-117v : Theological question, signed, among others, by Robert Wauchop, archbishop of Armagh.

ff. 163r-165r : Peter Lombard to Angelo Maria Silvano.

ff. 167r-168r : Peter Lombard to anonymous.

ff. 169v-172r : Opinion concerning grace. [Inventory says Lombard is author.]

ff. 177r-190r : Opinion addressed to Paul V concerning grace. [Inventory suggests Lombard as author.]

f. 213rv : Headings of the chapters of a book entitled *Episcopion Doron* by Peter Lombard.

**1499** ff. 252r-264r : An anonymous tract without date, entitled *Hiberniae historia et privilegia*. [Seventeenth century.]

**1524** ff. 210r-214v : The will of Card. Ludovisi, in which mention is made of the Irish college, Rome.

**1575** ff. 1r-6v : An opinion by Florence Conry, archbishop of Tuam, concerning the jurisdiction of the bishops over mendicant friars in Ireland who reside outside their monasteries. C. 1620.

**1938** f. 87r : Card. Barberini to Michael Wall, Geoffrey Baron and Matthew Hartegan. No date.

- f. 88r : Card. Barberini to Matthew Hartegan. No date.
- f. 101rv : Card. Barberini to archbishop of Dublin. 2.2.1642.
- f. 102rv : Card. Barberini to the Catholics of Ireland. 2.2.1642.
- f. 103rv : Card. Barberini to the nobles of Ireland. 2.2.1642.
- f. 104r : Card. Barberini to Felim O'Neill. 2.2.1642.
- f. 105rv : Card. Barberini to archbishop of Tuam. No date.
- f. 106r : Card. Barberini to archbishop of Cashel. 2.2.1642.
- f. 107rv : Card. Barberini to the archbishops and bishops of Ireland. 2.2.1642.
- f. 108r : Card. Barberini to the Irish clergy. No date.
- f. 109r : Same to same. No date.
- f. 110r : Same to same. 2.2.1642.
- f. 111r : Card. Barberini to archbishop of Armagh. No date.
- f. 147rv : Card. Barberini to Michael Wall, Geoffrey Baron and Matthew Hartegan. 2.8.1642.
- f. 148rv : Card. Barberini to Hartegan. 2.8.1642.
- f. 193r : Card. Barberini to Hugh de Burgo. 13.12.1642.
- 1939** f. 51r : Card. Barberini to the general of the cavalry in Ireland. 18.4.1643.
- f. 52r : Card. Barberini to the general of the Munster forces. 18.4.1643.
- f. 53r : Card. Barberini to the general of the Leinster forces. 18.4.1643.
- f. 54rv : Card. Barberini to the general of the Connacht forces. 18.4.1643.
- f. 55rv : Card. Barberini to the general of the Ulster forces. 18.4.1643.
- f. 87r : Card. Barberini to the deputies of the Supreme Council of the Catholics in Ireland. 9.5.1643.
- f. 88r : Same to same, and same date.
- 1992** f. 270v : Card. Aldobrandini to Thomas Stapleton. 6.6.1598.
- f. 279r : Same to same. 11.7.1598.
- f. 290r : Another letter of same to same. 11.7.1598.
- f. 469r : Card. Aldobrandini to Finian MacCarthy etc. concerning Manson. 29.8.1601.
- f. 469v : Card. Aldobrandini to the earl of Desmond and other members of the Geraldine family. 29.8.1601.
- f. 474v : Another letter of same to same. 29.8.1601.
- f. 475v : Card. Aldobrandini to the Confederate Catholics in Leinster. 29.8.1601.
- f. 477rv : Card. Aldobrandini to Hugh O'Neill. 29.8.1601.
- f. 485r : Card. Aldobrandini to the Confederate Catholics in Connacht. 29.8.1601.
- f. 486r : Card. Aldobrandini to Christopher Nugent of Delvin. 29.8.1601.
- f. 486v : Card. Aldobrandini to Thomas Butler, earl of Ormond. 29.8.1601.
- f. 487r : Card. Aldobrandini to unspecified Irishmen. No date.

ff. 487v-489r : Card. Aldobrandini to the archbishops, bishops, etc., of Ireland. 29.8.1601.

ff. 489v-490r : Card. Aldobrandini to Hugh O'Neill. 29.8.1601.

**1996** f. 121r : Latin version of the short poem in Irish which is next item.

f. 140r : Short poem in Irish (four lines). [This volume is devoted to a collection of poems in honour of Nicolaus Fabricius Peyresius, *Academiae Humoristarum, Romae.*]

**2001** ff. 149v-150r : Eugene IV to archbishop of Armagh. 16.2.1433.

ff. 204v-205r : Eugene IV concerning the appointment of a collector of taxes in England and Ireland. No date.

**2125** ff. 154r-155r : Pius IV to John O'Neill. 14.7.1564.

**2126** [The whole of this volume is devoted to the correspondence of Popes who resided at Avignon (1309-1377)]

f. 52r : Letter to Stephen, archbishop of Armagh. Pope who wrote it not given. No date.

f. 69r : Letter to Robert de Bremegham, cleric of the diocese of Tuam. Writer not given. No date.

f. 98rv : Letter to John de Bremegham, earl of Louth, and Avelina, daughter of Richard de Burgo, earl of Ulster. Writer not given, and no date.

f. 119rv : Edward of England to John XXII, 16.12.1316, concerning English affairs, and to John XXII, 1.4.1327, concerning papal taxes in England etc.

ff. 120r-121r : Causes of disturbances in Ireland ; remedies proposed by the king of England, and résumé of replies sent by the Pope. No date ; neither Pope nor king is specified. Very probably the Pope is John XXII, and the king Edward II or III. Possibly c. 1327.

f. 121rv : Letter of king of England concerning disturbances in Ireland. Name of king not given, but date given as : 18th year of the king's reign, 28 May. [1326 ?]

ff. 121v-122r : John XXII to King Edward of England. 31.7.1327.

ff. 122v-123r : John XXII to the bishop of Killaloe and others concerning the diocese of Tuam. 2.7.1330.

f. 125rv : A representative of the king of England in Ireland writes about the correction of abuses in Ireland. No date.

f. 127r : John XXII to his nuncio in England concerning John, archbishop of Cashel, and tax of that diocese. 7.5.1329.

f. 129r : John XXII ordering that some of the suffragan dioceses of Tuam be united to it. 31.7.1327.

f. 131r : Statement by Andrew Capiti, procurator of the archbishop of Tuam, that the bishop of Annaghdown surrender his diocese. 1332.

ff. 131r-132r : John XXII to bishops, etc., of England, Wales and Ireland. 3.1.1330.

- ff. 132r-134r : John XXII (?) concerning taxes, etc., from churches in England and Ireland. 5.7.1333.
- ff. 137r-141r : Lists of dioceses in various countries including England and Ireland. Possibly c. 1335.
- f. 154r : Benedict XII to Edward of England concerning archbishop of Dublin. 4.12.1336.
- f. 160v : Concerning archbishop of Armagh. No date.
- f. 172v : Petition that Thomas O Karwyll be appointed to Cloyne. No date.
- f. 173r : Petition that John O Kannin of Meath diocese be given some benefice. No date.
- f. 183r : Edward of England petitions diocese of Dublin for Gregory, a friend of his. No date.
- f. 184r : Petition for the same Gregory by the king of England. No date.
- 2136** f. 46v : Card. Francis Barberini to Bernardine Barry, appointing him vicar provincial of the Irish Franciscans. 24.9.1653.
- ff. 88v-89r : Card. Barberini to Joseph Murphy, Franciscan, granting him permission to proceed to Ireland. 17.7.1654.
- f. 134rv : Card. Barberini to John Heslenan, Franciscan, giving him permission to become a member of an Italian province. 7.8.1655.
- f. 161v : Card. Barberini to Francis Barnano (Brenan?), Franciscan, granting him permission to become a member of Provincia Romana. 22.1.1656.
- ff. 179v-180r : Card. Barberini to James de Riddere, forbidding Irish Franciscans to use faculties, etc., in England, because of complaints by English friars. 9.9.1656.
- 2170** ff. 178r-179v : Robert, Irish Capuchin, to Card. Barberini. 6.9.1664.
- ff. 214r, 215r, 216r, 217r : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 17.10.1675. References to Ireland in this and following.
- f. 218rv : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 21.10.1676.
- f. 220rv : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 1.5.1677.
- f. 221r : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 30.5.1677.
- f. 224r : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 5.2.1677.
- f. 225r : John Sergeant to Card. Barberini. 7.5.1677.
- 2172** ff. 63r-64v : Stephen Lynch, prefect of the Irish Augustinian mission, to Card. Barberini. 22.9.1671.
- f. 105r : Peter Talbot, archbishop of Dublin, to Card. Barberini. 12.1.1674.
- f. 106rv : Peter Talbot to Card. Barberini. 20.5.1674.
- f. 107rv : Peter Talbot to Card. Barberini. 20.9.1676.
- 2189** ff. 105r-106v : Reasons why the Catholic religion could be easily restored in England and Ireland. Anonymous. No date, but document before it is dated 1606, and that immediately following 1610.



- 2193** ff. 221v-222r : Urban VIII to the king of Spain, asking him to intercede with England for Tyrone and Tirconnell. 2.3.1624.  
f. 279v : Recommendation that a monastery in Vienna, occupied by the Benedictines, be restored "monachis Scotis." No date.
- 2195** f. 81r : Urban VIII to the duchess of Urbino concerning St. Isidore's College, Rome. 11.1.1625.  
ff. 194v-195r : Two letters of Urban VIII to the king and queen of France in the interests of the Irish Catholics. 12.7.1625.
- 2196** f. 183r : Urban VIII to the king of Spain in favour of Tyrone and Tirconnell. 27.6.1626.  
ff. 183v-184r : Two letters of Urban VIII to Tyrone and Tirconnell. 27.6.1626.
- 2197** f. 23v : Urban VIII to Mary Stuart, sister of the earl of Tirconnell. 6.2.1627.  
f. 136v : Urban VIII to Card. de Sourdis concerning a seminary for the Irish and Scotch on the French coast. 13.3.1627.
- 2203** f. 54r : Urban VIII to James Plunket of Longwood. 18.6.1633
- 2204** f. 95r : Urban VIII to the Grand Master of the Knights of Malta in favour of Prospero Colonna, prior of Ireland. 3.8.1634.
- 2207** ff. 46v-47r : Urban VIII to the Grand Master of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in favour of Prospero Colonna, prior of Ireland. 31.7.1638.
- 2242** ff. 1r-65r : *Rerum Hibernicarum ab initio postremi belli gestarum et praesentis status epitome ad Innocentium X*, by Charles Francis Invernizi, Milan 1645.
- 2318** f. 43r : *De S. Donato*.  
ff. 110v-112r : *De S. Patricio*. [Fourteenth century codex.]
- 2327** ff. 18r-20r : Prophecies of St. Malachy about the Popes.
- 2366** ff. I(r)-V(v), 1r-108r : An account of the mission to England, Ireland etc. in 1317 of Cardinals Gaucelinus Joannes and Luca de Flisco. [Seventeenth century codex.]
- 2377** ff. 1r-22r : *Sanctissimo Domino Nostro Clementi VIII Pontifici Maximo . . . De rebus gestis a Catholicis utriusque ordinis in regno Hiberniae statim a morte Elizabethae quondam Angliae Reginae summaria, brevis, et vera narratio*, by James White. End of preface dated : 25.7.1604.
- 2466** ff. 1r-161v : *De Hiberniae insula commentarius*, by Peter Lombard. 1600.
- 2518** ff. 121r-123r : *Summarium quoddam de illis rebus quae per Doctorem Scotum actae fuissent Ratisbonae* 1541. The "Scotch Doctor" in question is Robert Wauchop, archbishop of Armagh.
- 2582** ff. CXCIr-CXCVIv : Concerning ecclesiastical province of Cashel, c. 1660.

- ff. CCXIIr-CCXIIIv : Summary account of the ecclesiastical province of Tuam. No date, but c. 1670.
- 2585** ff. 99r-104v : Concerning England, Ireland, etc., and reconciliation with Rome under Philip and Mary. 1554.
- 2590** ff. 72r-73r : Honorius III to archbishop of Dublin concerning opposition to the king of England. 12.1217.
- 2602** ff. 71r-73r : Donation made by King John of England to Innocent III of England, Ireland etc. 1213.
- 2617** ff. 188r-190v : Proposals concerning the restoration of the catholic religion in England, Scotland and Ireland. No date.
- 2649** ff. 7v-8r : List of Irish dioceses. No date.
- ff. 20v-23r, 35r-85r : Ecclesiastical taxes, including references to Irish dioceses. No date. [Inventory lists this codex as of the fifteenth century.]
- 2675** f. Iv : Maurice O Fihily appointed to Ross. 12.1.1554.
- f. XIIIv : Eugene O Doherty appointed to Derry, and Theodore O Brien to Killaloe. 18.5.1554.
- 2693** ff. 1r-18v : Appeal to king of Spain to help Catholics of England, Scotland and Ireland.
- f. 19rv : Copy of bull of Adrian IV conferring dominion of Ireland on Henry II.
- f. 20rv : King John of England promises certain tithes and moneys to Innocent III and to his successors. 1212.
- f. 23rv : Letter of Paul V. Of Irish interest. 12.2.1608.
- f. 24rv : Letter of archbishop of Armagh to Irish clergy. 21.7.1609.
- f. 53r : Faculties for Jesuits in Ireland. 23.9.1601.
- f. 54r : Special faculties for Eugene Matthews, bishop of Clogher. 1.3.1610 (1611 ?).
- f. 55r : Faculties for priests going to England, and permission to archbishop of Armagh to grant these faculties to students of the Irish college, Douai. 20.2.1604.
- f. 56r : Archbishop of Cashel outlines means of promoting the faith in Ireland. No date. (1610 ?).
- ff. 61rv : Faculties granted to George Conn, with permission to use them in Scotland, Ireland, etc. 14.8.1636.
- ff. 79r-80r : Irish clergy to Charles II. 15.6.1666.
- f. 104r : Two Carmelites going to Ireland to attempt to recover some of their monasteries. No date.
- f. 107rv : Alexander VII appoints superiors of the Irish Franciscans. 3.7.1666.
- f. 112rv : Form of protestation signed by several Irish clergy and by one bishop. No date.
- f. 116rv : Appeal by Catholics banished to Connacht after 1641, and

names of those Irish nobles whose land should be restored. No date.  
f. 118rv : Outline of the bishoprics of Ireland. No date.

f. 121rv : James Ussher of Armagh ; his association with some Jesuits and his alleged inclination towards Catholicism. No date.

ff. 136r-138r : Short account of the fight for the faith in Ireland. No date. (1641 ?).

**2720** ff. 1r-31r : Concerning the abbots of Bobbio ; much about SS. Columbanus and Gall ; part of the Office of St. Columbanus. No date. [Codex is of the seventeenth century].

f. 176rv : Short notice of a few Carthusian houses in Ireland.

**2734** f. 79rv : Favours granted by king of England to Irish Catholics. No date, but after 1661.

**2853** ff. 11r-15v : *Relatio* of the diocese of Leighlin by its bishop, Edmund Dempsey, brought to Rome by Fr. Richard of Longford, Capuchin. No date. [This volume deals with accounts of dioceses sent to the Congregation of the Council of Trent between the years 1654 and 1677].

[Volumes 2867 to 2933, with the exception of volume 2927, contain exclusively *Acta Consistorialia*, and deal with the appointment of bishops and with other business enacted at the consistories between the years 1492 and 1733. The date cited by me is the date on which the consistory took place at which the appointment in question was made.]

**2867** f. 16v : Milo Baron app. to Ossory. 8.6.1528.

f. 48rv : John Alen app. to Dublin, and Edward Staples to Meath. 3.9.1529.

ff. 77v-78r : Edmund Nugent app. to Kilmore. 22.6.1530.

f. 120rv : Richard Gamme app. coadjutor to archbishop of Dublin. 8.11.1531.

f. 173r : Malachy O Molony app. to Kilmacduagh. 8.8.1533.

f. 189r : Raymond O Gallagher app. to Raphoe. 11.5.1534.

ff. 246v-247r : James Fitzmaurice app. to Ardfert. 15.5.1536.

**2868** ff. 14v-15r : Maurice Doran app. to Leighlin. 29.1.1524.

ff. 48v-49r : Edmund Butler app. to Cashel, and John Quin to Limerick. 21.10.1524.

f. 55v : Pallium granted to Cashel. 19.12.1524.

f. 68r : John, Premonstratensian abbot, app. to Elphin. 7.4.1525.

ff. 116v-117r : Dermot McCarraigh app. to Ross. 6.6.1526.

f. 123v : Annates of Kildare and Killaloe. 8.8.1526.

f. 124v : Thomas Dillon app. to Kildare. 24.8.1526.

f. 153rv : Matthew Saunders app. to Leighlin. 10.4.1527.

f. 175r : Milo Baron app. to Ossory. 8.6.1528.

f. 205v : John Alen app. to Dublin, and Edward Staples to Meath. 3.9.1529.

f. 231r : Edmund Nugent app. to Kilmore. 22.6.1530.

- 2869** f. 8v : Hugh O Reilly preconised for Armagh. 31.7.1628.  
 f. 9v : O Reilly proposed for Armagh, and Eugene Sweeney preconised bishop of Kilmore. 21.8.1628.  
 f. 10r : Eugene Sweeney proposed for Kilmore. 18.9.1628.  
 f. 16r : Patrick Comerford and Roche MacGeoghegan preconised as bishops for Waterford and Lismore, and Kildare. 29.1.1629.  
 f. 16v : Comerford and MacGeoghegan proposed. 12.2.1629.  
 f. 36rv : Bonaventure Magennis and Malachy Queely preconised for Down and Tuam. 8.4.1630.  
 f. 137r : Magennis and Queely proposed, and John Molony preconised for K llaloe. 22.4.1630.  
 f. 43r : John Molony proposed. 12.8.1630.  
 f. 188v : Denis O Driscoll app. archbishop of Brindisi (Italy). 13.2.1640.  
 f. 190r : O Driscoll, present in consistory, granted pallium. 26.3.1640.  
 ff. 209v-210r : John de Burgo app. to Clonfert, and Richard O Connell to Ardfert and Aghadoe. 16.9.1641.  
 f. 218r : Edmund Dempsey and Emer Matthews preconised for Leighlin and Down. 10.2.1642.  
 f. 120v : Pallium granted to Armagh. 12.5.1564.  
**2870** f. 258 : The index to this volume indicates that the diocese of Meath is referred to on this folio, but I have failed to find any mention of the diocese on or near the folio in question.  
**2871** f. 15r : Donat O Gallagher app. to Killala. 4.9.1570.  
 f. 157rv : Card. Morone resigns as cardinal protector of Ireland. 1.2.1574.  
 ff. 158v-159r : Dermot Odiera proposed for Mayo ; Morone speaks of difficulty in procuring news from Ireland etc. 12.2.1574.  
 f. 238r : Patrick O Hely proposed for Mayo. 4.7.1576.  
 f. 242rv : Malachy O Molony translated from Killaloe to Kilmacduagh ; Cornelius O Mulrian proposed for Killaloe. 22.8.1576.  
 f. 385rv : Concerning Miler McGrath. 14.3.1580.  
 f. 396r : Irishman in German College [Dermot McGrath] proposed for Cork and Cloyne. 12.10.1580.  
 f. 397v : Anonymous candidate [Nicholas Skerett] proposed for Tuam and Annaghdown. 17.10.1580.  
 f. 451r : Thomas Strong proposed for Ossory. 28.3.1582.  
 f. 452rv : Cornelius O Devany proposed for Down and Connor ; Peter Power proposed for Ferns. 27.4.1582.  
 f. 456v : Three unnamed dioceses in the province of Cashel to be filled. 6.8.1582.  
 f. 457r : Two unnamed Irish dioceses to be filled. 20.8.1582.  
 f. 506v : Adam Magauran proposed for Mayo. 29.7.1585.  
 f. 542v : Anonymous [Thady Farrell] app. to Clonfert. 8.6.1587.

- f. 543v : The bishop of Ardagh [Edmund Magauran] proposed for Armagh. 1.7.1587.
- f. 546v : Pallium granted to Armagh. 7.8.1587.
- f. 772v : Cork and Cloyne united ; anonymous [Nicholas Skerett] proposed for Tuam and Annaghdown, and these two dioceses united. 17.10.1580.
- 2873** ff. 141r-142r : English kings and their overlordship of Ireland. 26.5.1555.
- 2874** pp. 132-133 : Ireland recognised as a separate kingdom. 7.6.1555.
- p. 286 : Irish bishops not to exercise *pontificalia* outside their respective dioceses. 22.2.1574.
- pp. 293-294 : Miler McGrath deprived of Down and Connor. 14.3.1580.
- 2875** f. 7rv : Hugh Lacy app. to Limerick. 9.5.1556.
- f. 20r : Peter Wall app. to Clonmacnois. 4.5.1556.
- f. 149rv : Maurice O Fihily app. to Ross. 15.3.1559.
- 2876** f. 40rv : Patrick Cant app. to Cork and Cloyne. 15.2.1499.
- ff. 49v-50r : Letter of king of England concerning appointment to Cork and Cloyne. 10.5.1499.
- ff. 56v-57r : Provision of Cork and Cloyne. 19.6.1499.
- 2877** f. 11v : Thomas O Herlihy app. to Ross. 28.12.1561.
- f. 14v : Bishops app. to Elphin [Andrew O Crean], Achonry [Eugene O Hart], and Raphoe [Donald McCongail]. 28.1.1562.
- f. 54r : Unnamed bishop [Redmond O Gallagher] translated to unnamed Irish diocese [Derry]. 22.6.1569.
- f. 79r : Unnamed Franciscan [Donat O Gallagher] made bishop of unnamed diocese [Killala] in Ireland. 4.9.1570.
- f. 83v : Malachy O Molony app. to Killaloe. 10.1.1571.
- 2878** ff. 32v-33r : John O Murrily app. to Ross. 4.11.1517.
- f. 36v : Roger O Malone app. to Ardagh. 14.12.1517.
- ff. 80v-81r : Nicholas Comyn of Ferns translated to Waterford and Lismore ; John Purcell app. to Ferns. 13.4.1519.
- ff. 104v-105r : Thady O Reilly, while retaining Dromore, is appointed to Ross. 19.12.1519.
- f. 106r : Rory O Donnell app. to Derry. 11.1.1520.
- f. 115rv : Robert [Blyth], an abbot, app. to Down and Connor. 16.4.1520.
- f. 161r : George Cromer app. to Armagh. 2.10.1521.
- f. 174r : John Benet app. to Cork and Cloyne. 23.1.1523.
- ff. 177v-178r : Tax on Dublin reduced. 20.2.1523.
- f. 179rv : Hugh [Inge] of Meath translated to Dublin, and Richard Wilson app. to Meath. 27.2.1523.
- f. 183r : Pallium granted to Dublin. 16.3.1523.
- 2879** ff. 44v-45r : James Fitzmaurice app. to Ardferit. 15.5.1536.



- ff. 46v-47r : Quintin Cogley app. to Dromore. 29.5.1536.  
 f. 124v : Arthur O Friel app. to Tuam. 7.10.1538.  
 ff. 147v-148r : Roger Macciadh app. to Dromore ; Eugene Maguire to Down and Connor ; Richard Hogan to Clonmacnois ; William Maginn to Elphin. 16.6.1539.  
 f. 155r : Gabriel de S. Serio app. to Elphin. 27.8.1539.  
 f. 164r : Clonmacnois and Killaloe vacant ; Florence Kirwan app. to both. 26.11.1539.  
 f. 171v : Arthur Magennis app. to Dromore ; Henry de Burgh to Annagh-down. 16.4.1540.  
 f. 178r : Donald O Bechan app. to Kildare. 16.7.1540.  
 f. 188rv : John O Heyne app. to Cork and Cloyne ; John MacBrady to Kilmore. 5.11.1540.  
 f. 189v : Thady Reynolds app. to Kildare. 15.11.1540.  
 f. 201v : Bernard O Donnell app. to Ferns. 30.3.1541.  
 f. 207v : Gabriel of Elphin translated to Ferns. 3.6.1541.  
 ff. 218v-219r : Patrick MacMahon app. to Ardagh, and Thomas Leverous to Leighlin. 13.11.1541.  
 f. 220rv : Eugene MacBrehon app. to Mayo, and John O Neylan to Kilfenora. 21.11.1541.  
 ff. 232v-233r : Bernard O Higgin app. to Elphin ; Cornelius O Dea to Kilmacduagh ; Dermot O Brien app. administrator of Killaloe. 5.5.1542.  
 ff. 313r-314r : Concerning Elphin and appointment thereto. 20.2.1545.  
 f. 348rv : Concerning the administrator of Killala. 19.10.1545.  
 ff. 392v-393r : Raymond MacMahon app. to Clogher. 27.8.1546.  
**2880** f. 24v : Thomas O Fighil app. to Achonry. 15.6.1547.  
 f. 40v : Arthur O Gallagher app. to Raphoe. 5.12.1547.  
**2881** f. 12r : Roderick Maclean app. to Clonmacnois. 30.8.1549.  
 ff. 56v-57r : John Machray app. to Lismore. 21.7.1550.  
 f. 68v : Raymond de Burgo app. to Emly. 20.10.1550.  
 f. 150v : Provision of Armagh postponed to next consistory. 23.1.1553.  
 f. 163v : George Dowdall app. to Armagh. 1.3.1553.  
 f. 192r : Maurice O Fihily app. to Ross. 10.1.1554.  
 ff. 205v-206r : Eugene O Doherty app. to Derry, and Theodore O Brien to Killaloe. 25.6.1554.  
 f. 252rv : Ireland granted title ' Kingdom.' 7.6.1555.  
 f. 257rv : Hugh Curwen app. to Dublin. 21.6.1555.  
 f. 262r, 262v : Pallium granted to Armagh and Dublin. 23.8.1555.  
 ff. 265v-266r : Thomas Leverous app. to Kildare, and Thomas O Fihil to Leighlin. 30.8.1555.  
**2882** ff. 14v-15r : Donat Teige app. to Armagh, and Hugh O Sheridan to Kilmore. 7.2.1560.

- f. 31v : Pallium granted to Armagh. 7.3.1560.  
 ff. 41v-42r : Cornelius Macardle app. to Clogher. 29.5.1560.  
 f. 125rv : Thomas O Herlihy app. to Ross. 11.12.1561.  
 ff. 128v-129v : Eugene O Hart app. to Achonry, Donald Macgonigle to Raphoe, Andrew O Crean to Elphin. 28.1.1562.  
 f. 171r : Richard Creagh app. to Armagh. 8.3.1564.  
 f. 177r : Pallium granted to Armagh. 12.5.1564.  
 f. 201rv : Concerning William Walsh of Meath. 6.9.1564.  
**2883** ff. 46v-47r : Dermot Odiera app. to Mayo. 12.2.1574.  
 f. 68rv : Edmund Tanner app. to Cork and Cloyne. 5.11.1574.  
 f. 90v : Richard Brady app. to Ardagh, and Patrick MacCaughwell to Dromore. 23.1.1576.  
 f. 99r : Patrick O Hely app. to Mayo. 4.7.1576.  
 ff. 101v-102r : Malachy O Molony app. to Kilmacduagh, Cornelius Ryan to Killaloe. 22.8.1576.  
**2884** f. 23r : Miler McGrath app. to Down and Connor. 12.10.1565  
 f. 74r : Maurice MacGibbon app. to Cashel. 4.6.1567.  
 f. 118r : Redmond O Gallagher translated to Derry. 22.6.1569.  
 f. 145r : Donat O Gallagher app. to Killala. 4.9.1570.  
 f. 150v : Malachy O Molony app. to Killaloe. 10.1.1571.  
**2885** f. 93v : Richard Creagh app. to Armagh. 22.3.1564.  
 f. 115r : Pallium to Armagh. 28.4.1564.  
 f. 150v : Concerning William, bishop of Meath. 6.9.1564.  
**2887** f. 156rv : Denis O Driscoll app. to Brindisi. 1640.  
 ff. 279r, 280r, 282v, 283r, 284v : Louis Dillon app. to Achonry, Richard O Connell to Ardfert and Aghadoe, John de Burgo to Clonfert ; short account of each candidate and diocese. 12.8.1641.  
**2888** ff. 24r, 25r, 26v, 28v : Edmund Dempsey app. to Leighlin, and Bonaventure Magennis to Down and Connor ; short account of both and of the dioceses. 10.2.1642.  
**2889** f. 14r : John Roche app. to Ferns. 29.4.1624.  
 f. 30rv : Hugh O Reilly app. to Kilmore, Boetius Egan to Elphin, Edmund Dargan to Down and Connor, John Cullinan to Raphoe. 21.5.1625.  
 f. 34rv : Hugh MacCaughwell app. to Armagh, and Thomas Walsh to Cashel. 19.1.1626.  
 f. 68rv : Hugh O Reilly translated to Armagh, and Eugene Sweeney app. to Kilmore. 5.5.1628.  
 f. 72r : Roche MacGeoghegan app. to Kildare. 5.5.1628.  
 ff. 84v-85r : Malachy Queely app. to Tuam, and Bonaventure Magennis to Down and Connor. 28.6.1630.  
 f. 88r : John O Molony app. to Killaloe. 30.5.1630.  
**2891** ff. 905v-907v : Statement addressed to Card. Barberini concern-

- ing persecution in Ireland and lack of bishops. 16.3.1665.
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- 2900** f. 3r : Peter Creagh preconised archbishop of Dublin. 2.1.1693.  
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- 2902** f. 257r : Edward Comerford preconised for Cashel, and Maurice Donellan for Clonfert. 19.9.1695.  
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- 2924** ff. 89r-90r : Edmund O Reilly app. to Armagh, and Anthony MacGeoghegan translated to Meath. 16.4.1657.  
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- 2926** p. 111 : Florence Conry app. to Tuam. 30.3.1609.  
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**2929** ff. 17v-18r : Bishop of Ardagh translated to Kilmore, 9.3.1580 ; Miler MacGrath deprived of Down and Connor, 14.3.1580.

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f. 26r : Nicholas Skerett app. to Tuam. 17.10.1580.

f. 29r : Pallium granted to Tuam. 12.12.1580.

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f. 46r : Thomas Strong app. to Ossory. 28.3.1582.

f. 46v : Cornelius O Devany app. to Down and Connor, and Peter Power to Ferns. 2.4.1582.

f. 50r : Cornelius O Boyle app. to Limerick, and Bonaventure Naughton to Ross. 20.8.1582.

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f. 116rv : Note concerning appointment of Irish bishops ; Thady Farrell app. to Clonfert. 8.6.1587.

f. 117v : Bishop of Ardagh translated to Armagh. 1.7.1587.

f. 121r : Francis de Ribera app. to Leighlin. 11.9.1587.

f. 180v : James Hely app. to Tuam. 20.3.1591.

f. 183v : Pallium granted to Tuam. 15(25?).5.1691.

f. 186r : Michael FitzWalter app. to Ardfert, and Niel O Boyle to Raphoe. 9.8.1591.

f. 330v : Matthew de Oviedo app. to Dublin. 5.5.1600.

f. 349r : Pallium granted to Dublin. 21.5.1601.

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**2932** f. 3r : Thomas de Rivis (?) app. to Achonry. 8.10.1492.

f. 21r : Edmund de Geraldinis to Cork and Cloyne. 8.4.1499.

f. 22v : Concerning appointment to Cork and Cloyne. June 1499.

f. 62v : John Kite of Armagh translated to an English diocese. 12.7.1521.

f. 64rv : George Cromer app. to Armagh ; pallium granted. October 1521.

f. 67r : John Benet app. to Cork and Cloyne. 28.1.1523.

f. 76r : Edmund Butler app. to Cashel, and John Quin to Limerick. 17.10.1524.

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ff. lxxv(r)-lxxvi(r) : Hugh MacCaughwell app. to Armagh ; Thomas Walsh to Cashel. 27.4.1626.

f. lxxix(v) : Pallia granted to Armagh and Cashel. 22.6.1626.

f. cxlvii(v) : Hugh O Reilly translated to Armagh. 21.8.1628.

f. cxlviii(r) : Eugene Sweeney app. to Kilmore. 18.9.1628.

f. cliv(rv) : Bishops preconised for Waterford and Lismore, and Kildare. 29.1.1629.

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f. clxxxiii(v) : Pallium granted to Armagh. 18.2.1630.

f. clxxxvi(rv) : Bishops preconised for Tuam, and Down. 8.4.1630.

f. clxxxvii(rv) : Malachy O Queely app. to Tuam ; Bonaventure Magennis app. to Down. 22.4.1630.

f. cxcix(r) : John O Molony app. to Killaloe. 12.8.1630.

f. ccxii(v) : Pallium granted to Tuam. 22.1.1631.

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**3146** [This volume, and the following, contain *Acta* of the Sacred Congregation of the Index.]

ff. 188r, 189v : *Apostolatus Missionariorum* by Raymond Caron mentioned. 30.8.1661.

ff. 260r, 261v : Oliver Plunket mentioned. 28.3.1667.

ff. 264r, 265v : Oliver Plunket mentioned. 6.9.1667.

f. 280r : *Vindiciarum Catholicorum Hiberniae*, by Philopater Irenaeus (ps. John Callaghan) listed. 10.6.1654.

**3147** ff. 3r, 3v, 4v : Oliver Plunket mentioned. 13.3.1668.

ff. 5r, 8v : Oliver Plunket mentioned. 12.6.1668.

ff. 19r, 20v : Oliver Plunket mentioned. 26.3.1669.

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ff. 211r, 212v : Book by Richard Archdekin under examination. 12.11.1691

f. 255r : *Causa Valesiana* by Peter Walsh on Index. 6.6.1690.



**3150 (Part I)** ff. 210r-211r : Letter from Adrian Crommius, Louvain, concerning Louvain university and Jansenism, 10.10.1641. Reference to John Sinnich.

f. 234rv : Copy of a letter of Jesuit professors at Louvain to Libertus Fromondus, 23.6.1641. Reference to Sinnich.

f. 235r : Fromondus to the professors, 23.6.1641, concerning Louvain university and Jansenism. Reference to Sinnich.

**3219** ff. 341r-348v : List of Irish bishops, but taken from Ware.

**3377** ff. 1r-65r : Life of St. Cathaldus by Giacomo Laderchi. [Seventeenth century.]

**3385** ff. 45r-48v : *Carmina de vita et fine B. Blaitmaic, martyris, exarata a Walfrido Strabone.*

**3462** ff. 1r-19r (entire volume) : Extract from English parliamentary statutes printed in 1587, and copied in 1609. At the end of the volume appears the name 'Ja. Vitus.'

**3594** [This volume, and the following, bear the title : *Sommaire recit de toute la negociation faite auecq. Messrs. Les Estats Generaux des Provinces Unies des Pays Bas.* They deal with the negotiations between France and England concerning the Low Countries in 1607 and 1608.]

ff. 1r-Vr : Key to the code system used.

ff. 280r-284v : Letter of Monsieur Jeannin to M. de Villeroy from La Haye, 6.10.1607 : Flight of Tyrone and company mentioned (283r).

ff. 296r-299v : De Villeroy to Jeannin from Fontainebleau, 22.10.1607 : Objection of English to allowing Tyrone to pass through Flanders (296v-297r).

ff. 316v-319r : De Villeroy to Jeannin from Fontainebleau, 3.11.1607 : Tyrone and company received amicably in Flanders by Spinola ; objection by English ambassador (317v-318r).

ff. 319r-327r : Jeannin and Russy to the king of France from La Haye, 16.11.1602. Reference to flight of Tyrone and company (324r).

ff. 327r-333v : Jeannin to de Villeroy from La Haye, 6.11.1607 : English annoyed because Tyrone granted passport (331v).

ff. 333v-335r : De la Bauderie to Jeannin from London, 17.11.1607 : English annoyance that Tyrone got safe passage (334rv).

ff. 335r-342r : King of France to Jeannin and Russy from Fontainebleau, 23.11.1607 : Reference to reception given by archdukes to Tyrone (340r).

ff. 346r-347r : De la Bauderie to Jeannin from London, 23.11.1607 : English annoyed at reception accorded to Tyrone (346r).

ff. 347v-355r : Jeannin and Russy to the king from La Haye, 24.11.1607 : Reference to Tyrone (351v).

ff. 365r-366r : Jeannin to de la Bauderie, 25.11.1607 : Reference to reception of Tyrone in Flanders (366r).

ff. 367r-372r : Jeannin and Russy to the king from La Haye, 2.12.1607 : Tyrone gone to Rome or to Spain ; children left at Louvain (370rv).

ff. 382v-385v : De Villeroy to Jeannin from Paris, 8.12.1607 : Reference to Tyrone ; king of England seems more anxious for war because of his flight (384rv).

ff. 397v-399v : Jeannin to de la Bauderie from La Haye, 10.12.1607 : Reference to Tyrone (398v).

ff. 400r-404v : Jeannin and Russy to the king from La Haye, 21.12.1607 : Reference to the treatment of Tyrone by the English (401v-402r).

**3595** ff. 230r-232r : De la Bauderie to Jeannin from London, 7.6.1608 : Refers to rebellion in Ireland (231v).

ff. 239v-244r : Jeannin to de Villeroy from La Haye, 14.6.1608 : France's attitude towards Irish rebels considering her relations with England (243rv).

**3603** f. 109rv : Hugh de Burgo to Luke Wadding, 24.10.1642, concerning frigate to bring arms to Ireland ; political affairs in England, France etc., and their relation to Ireland.

ff. 132v-133r : De Burgo to Wadding, 12.11.1642 : State of affairs in Ireland ; references to Preston, O Neill, Duncannon Fort, and Carrickfergus ; progress of events in Connacht.

f. 160rv : De Burgo to Wadding, 7.3.1643 : Mention of Fr. Fitzsimons, Dillon, Taaffe, and Thomas de Burgo ; king sends Thomas de Burgo to treat secretly with Irish Catholics ; references to Preston, Dublin, and Duncannon Fort.

ff. 161r-162r : De Burgo to Wadding, 14.3.1643 : The king, Thomas de Burgo, and the Irish Catholics ; references to the archbishop of Tuam, and to the dioceses of Down, and Clogher ; Owen O Neill and Felim O Neill mentioned ; reference to the Irish Franciscan colleges at Louvain and Prague.

**3604** ff. 1r-42v : Outline of the state of Catholics in England, and suggestions to the king of Spain for an undertaking against England in the interests of the Catholics there ; Ireland mentioned. C. 1606.

ff. 47r-48v : Copy of a letter from the Spanish ambassador in London, 24.7.1606. Ball, an Irishman, mentioned a few times.

f. 49rv : Decree of the king of Spain, 13.9.1606, dealing with commercial relations between England, Germany, Spain etc. ; Ireland mentioned.

**3623** f. 25r : Despatch from London, 11.10.1649, with references to Cromwell's progress in Ireland.

**3631** ff. 174r-175v : Matthew Hartegan to Wadding, 7.9.1642 : Preston and Baron, and ships for Ireland ; Wadding asked to use his influence to have representative from the Pope sent to Ireland ; comments on Irish affairs ; type of representative Pope should choose ; suggestions

as to what he should do on his arrival in Ireland.

**3901** ff. 170r-177v : Poetry in Italian in honour of Edward Somerset, marquis of Worcester, by John Patrick Carey.

**4000** f. 110r : Letter of Luke Wadding to Federico Ubaldini, 17.7.1641. [This volume is devoted to notes on early Italian poets by Ubaldini].

**4065** f. 65rv : Concerning St. Patrick. [Fourteenth century codex].

**4107** ff. 169v-175r : Life of St. Fursey.

ff. 181v-183r : Legend of St. Patrick. [Fourteenth century codex.]

**4574** ff. 1r-24r : Short history of the Propaganda printing press ; Irish mentioned among the languages printed.

**4597** f. 70v : Note directed to Luke Wadding by some cardinal (Barberini ?) in approval of some suggestion by Wadding, and referring in a general way to ecclesiastical appointments. No date.

ff. 87r-88v, 89v : Statement by some Spanish Franciscans about the granting of St. Isidore's College to the Irish friars. C. 1622.

**4605** ff. 15r, 16v : Matthew O Kennedy of the Killaloe diocese asks for faculties, as he is about to return to Ireland. No date.

ff. 47r-55v : Account of the mission in Scotland, 1654 ; Irish missionaries mentioned.

ff. 62r-63r : Letter of Mgr. Ingoli to Fr. Herrera concerning information gleaned from the *Annals* of Wadding. 14.1.1633.

ff. 95r-97r : Account of conversions made by Franciscans in various places between 1622 and 1628 ; reference to Irish Franciscans in Scotland. 6.1.1628.

ff. 185r-191v : Account of the striking of a cleric in Prague ; Peter Wadding, Jesuit, mentioned as giving evidence. C. 1636.

ff. 210r-212v : Note by Mgr. Ingoli concerning faculties for missionaries ; Ireland referred to. No date.

ff. 324r-325v : Concerning Card. Harrach and new seminary at Prague ; reference to Irish professors there. No date. Document immediately preceding dated 1634, and that following 1637.

ff. 337r-338r : Petition from Franciscans in Palermo signed, among others, by Frs. Daniel de Hibernia and Bonaventura de Hibernia. 17.2.1636.

f. 381r : Note by Mgr. Ingoli concerning Greek and Armenian liturgies ; Wadding mentioned. 21.3.1635.

**4624** pp. 16-20 : State of religion in Ireland and Scotland. [This volume, compiled by Urbano Cerri, secretary to the Congregation *de Propaganda Fide*, gives the state of religion in various parts of the world in 1677.]

pp. 107-115 : Concerning Catholic colleges in Europe ; Irish colleges listed.

**4729** ff. 524r-530v : Account of Scarampi's visit to Ireland, with attestations by John Brennan and Oliver Plunket. 22.9.1662. 25.10.1662.

**4886** ff. 1r-48v : Life of Scarampi, with account of his activity in Ireland. No title-page. No date.

**4994** ff. 15r-16v : Decrees made by Cromwell at Dublin against the catholics.

f. 17rv : Proposals made by Owen O'Neill to the English parliamentarians.

ff. 17v-18r : Reply of George Monck to the proposals. Dundalk, 26.4.1649.

f. 18rv : Altered copy of O'Neill's proposals sent by Monck to the English parliament.

f. 19r : Proposals by Monck to O'Neill.

ff. 30r-34r : Terms of peace between England and France 1655 ; Ireland mentioned.

ff. 43r-44v, 45v : Faculties granted by Paul V to the bishops of Ireland.

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f. 50r : Reasons why a church and foundation in Rome should be granted to the Irish nation. No date.

ff. 52r-59v : Concerning James Taaffe, Peter Walsh and Ormond ; nominations for Irish sees. No date.

ff. 62r-66r : Business discussed at meeting of Congregation of Propaganda on Irish affairs ; provision of dioceses dealt with ; James Taaffe mentioned. No date.

ff. 68rv, 75rv : Letter (unsigned) to Scarampi when in Ireland. No date.

ff. 69r-74v : England's treatment of Irish Catholics. No date.

f. 76r : An unsigned letter to Carlo Fran. Invernizi, July 1645 ; Wadding mentioned.

f. 77rv : Notes on Irish church history. No date.

f. 80r : Testimony of Fr. Patrick, an Irish Capuchin, concerning James Plunket of Longwood. No date.

ff. 82r-88v : Account of the state of Ireland c. 1645.

f. 89r : Dionisio Massari (?) to Card. Barberini recommending an unnamed Irish youth to his favour. 26.2.1650.

f. 90r : Letter to Barberini, 15.4.1665, concerning a meeting to discuss Irish affairs.

ff. 91r, 94v : Eugene MacDonald, an Irish soldier in Italy, applies to Barberini for a passport to return to Ireland. No date.

ff. 92r, 93v : Letter, unsigned and undated, to Francis Barberini concerning a chaplaincy in S. Rocco a Ripetta held by Giovanni a Lapide, an Irish priest.

ff. 97r-98r : A list of the documents pertaining to Ireland to be found in the remainder of this volume.

ff. 99r-108r : Outline of Irish dioceses and names of subjects suitable for appointment as bishops and vicars-apostolic. No date.



ff. 109r, 114v : Petition that Patrick Duffy, Franciscan, be made bishop of Clogher.

ff. 110r, 113v : Clergy of Clogher (20 signatures) petition that Duffy be made bishop. No date.

f. 111rv : Petition to Card. de Albizzi, unsigned and undated, that Felix O'Neill be made definitor general of the Franciscans.

ff. 115r, 120v : James Taaffe, Franciscan, to the Pope, asking that the order forbidding him to go outside Rome be revoked. No date, but after 1671.

f. 116rv : Irish clergy resident in Rome (mostly Franciscans) write in favour of Hugh MacEgan of Tuam diocese. 16.3.1664.

ff. 117r, 118v : Thady Mollony, cleric from diocese of Limerick, having spent five years with the Congregation of the Missions in Rome, applies to the Pope for dismissorial letters to be ordained. No date.

ff. 121r, 126v : Peace of the Irish Franciscans being disturbed by two or three friars who wish to change the government of the Province ; appeal to Card. Barberini to pay no attention to them. No date.

ff. 122r, 125v : Abbot Andrew Woulfe seeks an audience with the Pope. No date.

ff. 123r, 124v : Anthony Martin to Card. Barberini to help him ; once owned much land in Ireland, suffered greatly for the faith and was later robbed at sea ; is now in Propaganda Fide College. No date.

f. 127r : Luke Wadding proposes that Anthony Hickey be made definitor general of the Franciscans. No date.

f. 128r : Luke Wadding to Card. Barberini concerning Card. Spada and meetings of the Congregation de Propaganda Fide concerning Irish affairs. No date.

f. 129r : Luke Wadding to Card. Barberini concerning letters from Invernizi and Fr. Rochford. No date.

f. 130r : Wadding to Barberini concerning election of Father General of the Franciscans ; Fr. Culquin, Irish Franciscan, mentioned. No date.

f. 131r : Wadding to Barberini concerning the parish of Callan, Ossory diocese, in particular, and the provision of parochial churches in Ireland in general. No date.

ff. 137r-138v : Mary Stuart O'Donnell to Barberini, 9(?) .2.1632 : She fled from London to Flanders and then to Rome ; married John Edward O'Gallagher ; son born in Genoa ; living in Rome with friend and maid ; applies for help.

ff. 139r, 140v : James Lynch, procurator of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, to the Pope, petitioning that some of their monasteries in Ireland be given back, especially that of St. John the Evangelist at Kilkenny ; also note by Wadding in favour of his petition. No date.



ff. 141rv, 146r : Copy of letter to the archbishop of Armagh in Paris from Patrick, bishop of Ardagh, James Dempsey, Oliver Dease and Patrick Daly, concerning proposed meeting of the clergy in Dublin. 28.11.1666.

ff. 142r, 145r : Oliver Plunket from Dublin to unnamed cardinal (?), concerning his trip home and work done in Ireland since he arrived. 18.6.1670.

ff. 143r-144v : Concerning excommunication censures and Rinuccini in Ireland.

ff. 147r-149r : Copy of a letter to Card. Barberini (?) concerning St. Isidore's College and the behaviour of Joseph Murphy, Bonaventure Cassin, Franciscus a Galvia, Charles Reilly, Bonaventure Connor, and Daniel Culquin. No date.

**5086** ff. 25v-26v : Finances of the Congregation de Propaganda Fide for 1649 ; Irish College, Louvain, listed.

**5118** ff. 59v-65r : Instructions for the nunciature in Spain ; Ireland mentioned in relation to Spanish-English politics. 31.7.1581.

**5242** ff. 167r-190v : Bentivoglio's account of the state of England, Ireland and Scotland in 1609.

**5253** [This volume comprises despatches from London and Brussels concerning the disturbances in England and Ireland in the years 1640-1642.] The following folios have references to the death of Strafford and to the insurrection of 1641 : ff. 1r-87r, 104r-115r, 136r-143r.

**5259** ff. 388v-389v : Account of the duke of Ormond.

ff. 393r-398r : References to Ireland. No date.

**5340** ff. 132r-134v : Irish Catholics appeal to King Charles to grant them peace. No date.

**5362** ff. 196r-200v : Concerning the war between Elizabeth of England and Spain ; Ireland and the earl of Tyrone mentioned once or twice.

**5378** f. 11rv : Catholicism in England and Ireland c. 1605 ; earl of Tyrone mentioned.

ff. 16r-17v : Copy of a letter of the Spanish ambassador at London, 24.7.1606, concerning people captured in his house ; John Ball mentioned.

**5406** pp. 1-50 (entire volume) : A tract on government and obedience to it, by Thomas White. London, 1655.

**5653** ff. 176r-194r : Much concerning Ireland, the Confederate Catholics, and Rinuccini's attitude towards the English ; document bears title : *Breve ristretto di quelle cose che in varie audienze per lo spatio di un anno per commandamento della Regina della Gran Bretagna ha il suo residente in Roma proposto alla Santità di Nostro Signore Papa Innocenzio X.*

**5776** ff. 53v-54v : Bentivoglio to Marchese di Vico from Rome, 26.7.1635 :

Wadding mentioned.

**5848** ff. 131v-133r : Domenico Genasio, nuncio in Spain, to Card. Pietro Aldobrandini, 22.6.1601 : Rumour has it that 6,000 soldiers are ready to sail for Ireland ; two Irish archbishops at Valladolid, one Franciscan and the other Dominican, confirm this (131v).

f. 161rv : Genasio to Aldobrandini, 14.7.1601 : David Roche, rector of Irish College, Douai, seeks audience with the Pope.

f. 350rv : Genasio to Aldobrandini, 25.12.1601 : Ludovico Manzoni has arrived in Valladolid on way to Ireland ; payments made to him.

**5910** f. 20v : Card. Ludovisi to Guidi di Bagno, nuncio in Flanders, concerning a recommendation by the Pope for the abbot of Mayo. 30.10.1621.

**5919** pp. 272ff : Letters written from the Secretariate of State to Bentivoglio, nuncio in Flanders, between 1605 and 1609. The writer is most probably Card. Borghese. The letters are unsigned.

pp. 331-332 : The Secretariate of State would like to know of Tyrone's plans. 29.12.1607.

pp. 333-334 : Tyrone has not written to the Holy See, and if the archbishop of Armagh [Peter Lombard] has given him some hope of help, it is without the approval of the Pope ; impossible to provide for his needs, as resources are exhausted because of wars in Hungary and in Italy. 5.1.1608.

pp. 335-336 : Reference to reply made by Bentivoglio to a Franciscan who had spoken with him in the interests of Tyrone ; Donna Eugenia Maguire(?) mentioned. 10.1.1608.

pp. 336-337 : Archbishop of Armagh has advised Tyrone to come to Rome ; Bentivoglio has been instructed to make it clear to the archbishop that the Holy See does not approve of such a move. 19.1.1608.

pp. 345-346 : Six students of the Irish colleges of Douai and Antwerp may be ordained *ad titulum missionis*. 16.2.1608.

pp. 346-347 : News of Tyrone's movements sought ; reference to death of Donna Eugenia Maguire(?). 23.2.1608.

pp. 351-352 : Tyrone's case discussed with a Franciscan at Brussels and with the archbishop of Armagh. 8.3.1608.

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pp. 386-387 : Trouble expected in the whole of Ireland because of disturbance in Ulster. 21.6.1608.

pp. 391-392 : The Pope and help for Ireland : nothing definite promised. 5.7.1608.

pp. 392-393 : Pope recommends Henry O'Neill to Archduke Albert ; O'Neill and his regiment are to be given suitable accommodation during the truce, and the regiment is not to be dissolved. 5.7.1608.

pp. 398-399 : Request that more information be forwarded about hap-

penings in Ireland. 26.7.1608.

**6107** [Letters from Mgr. di Bagno, nuncio in France, to the Secretariate of State, for the years 1649-1652.]

p. 1 : Reference to Ireland. 4.1.1649.

p. 11 : Fr. Giuseppe Arcamoni, a Theatine, and a Capuchin, have been in Ireland, and will report on the state of the country. 25.1.1649.

**6140** f. 13rv : Nuncio in Brussels to the Secretariate of State suggesting that the Pope send a letter of consolation to Mary Stuart O Donnell, sister of Tirconnell and cousin of Tyrone, praising her and them for fidelity to the Catholic faith. 6.3.1627.

ff. 13v-14r : Nuncio to the Secretariate of State saying that Mary Stuart O Donnell has received the Pope's letter with joy and reverence. 13.3.1627.

f. 44rv : Concerning appointment to Armagh. 26.6.1627.

f. 51rv : Concerning appointment to Armagh. 21.8.1627.

**6141** ff. 15v-16r : Fabio de Legunissa, nuncio at Brussels, suggests Robert Chamberlain, Hugh O Reilly and Edmund Dungan as candidates for Armagh. 24.6.1628.

**6206** p. 109 : To Giovanni Francesco di Bagno, nuncio at Brussels, from Card. Barberini, concerning help for the Irish Franciscan College, Louvain. Rome, 22.6.1624.

p. 313 : Note concerning Florence Conry and his going to Spain. 14.11.1626.

**6207** ff. 7rv : Secretariate of State to nuncio in Brussels concerning a blessing from the Pope for Mary Stuart O Donnell. 13.2.1627.

ff. 16v-17r : Same to same, concerning the appointment of new archbishop of Armagh. 17.7.1627.

f. 48rv : Same to same. Chamberlain, O Reilly and Dungan mentioned for Armagh. 27.5.1628.

f. 51rv : Same to same. Concerning the appointment to Armagh. 15.7.1628.

**6211** ff. 150v-152r : Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, to Secretariate of State : Surrender of Arras ; O Neill mentioned as commander in the town. 18.8.1640.

**6334** f. 16v : Concerning election to Armagh. 17.1.1626.

f. 328rv : Secretariate of State to Card. Spada in France and to the nuncio at Brussels concerning candidates for Armagh. 21.11.1626.

**6340** [This, and the following volume, contain short news items for the years 1607 and 1608].

f. 159r : A few lines concerning the flight of the earls.

f. 250r : News from Cologne, 11.11.1607 : Tyrone and company at Binche.

f. 256r : News from Antwerp, 7.12.1607 : Tyrone and wife at Ceva ;

going to Spain.

f. 259r : News from Brussels, 26(?) .12.1607 : Tyrone to go to Rome.

**6341** f. 51r : News dated 29.3.1608 : Tyrone and company on way to Italy.

f. 54r : News of same date : Tyrone, on way to Italy, feared attack ; returned, and set out once more accompanied by 1500 soldiers, mostly Irish, under command of his nephew.

f. 70rv : News dated 26.4.1608 : Tyrone and company at Bologna ; to visit Loreto.

f. 74v : News dated 3.5.1608 : Tyrone and company in Rome ; visited Pope.

f. 78r : News dated 10.5.1608 : Tyrone visited Pope and French ambassador.

f. 90r : News dated 7.6.1608 : Tyrone and company at procession in Rome.

f. 120v : News dated 2.8.1608 : Fitzgerald, relative of Tyrone, dies ; Swiss and Palatine Guards attend funeral at S. Pietro in Montorio.

f. 123r : News dated 9.8.1608 : Son of Tyrone gravely ill ; his theologian died recently ; visit to Ostia blamed for illness.

ff. 132v-133r : News dated 16.8.1608 : A few lines about English affairs ; Ireland mentioned.

f. 142v : News dated 30.8.1608 : Passing reference to Ireland.

f. 178r : News dated 22.11.1608 : Some English gentlemen report that the king is more tolerant towards Catholics in Ireland since departure of Tyrone.

f. 186v : News dated 6.12.1608 : Archbishop of Armagh sang Mass in Sistine Chapel on first Sunday of Advent.

f. 209r : News from Cologne, 27.1.1608 : Short reference to Ireland.

f. 222r : News from Milan, 26.3.1608 : Tyrone and company at Milan on way to Rome.

f. 239r : News from Antwerp, 30.5.1608 : King of England sends arms to Ireland to quell revolt.

f. 241r : News from Antwerp, 13.6.1608 : Rumours of help for Ireland from Spain, and of the reinstatement of Tyrone.

f. 247r : News from Antwerp, 18.7.1608 : Rebellion in Ireland ; king of England sends arms.

f. 267r : News from Antwerp, 24.10.1608 : Rebellion in Ireland.

**6359** f. 1r : News from Antwerp, 2.1.1642 : Dungannon taken by the Catholic forces ; Leslie returned to Scotland.

f. 60r : News dated 26.7.1642 : English and Scottish troops suffer heavy defeat in Ireland.

ff. 71v-72r : News dated 9.8.1642 : Victory for Irish arms.

**6485** [This volume is entirely devoted to letters to and from Fr. Luke Wadding.]

ff. 1rv, 10v (address) : Wadding to Abbot Ughelli, 18.1.1631 : New Year's greetings ; thanks Ughelli for historical data sent him ; attends meetings of Congregation *de Propaganda Fide* in house of Card. Ubaldino.

f. 2r : Wadding to Card. Barberini from Naples, 4.12.1639 : In Naples on business for St. Isidore's ; mentions ecclesiastics he met there.

ff. 3r, 8v (address) : Wadding to Barberini, 14.1.1641 : Cork, Kinsale, Galway, etc. declare for the Catholic army, now numbering 20,000.

f. 4rv : Wadding to Barberini, January 1642 : Catholic advance in Ireland growing in momentum ; Ormond and others holding aloof ; emissary from Pope urged ; chance to forward cause of Catholicism in England and Ireland.

ff. 5r, 6v : Meeting of Congregation *de Propaganda Fide* on Irish affairs, July 1642, with short list of names from whom, presumably, it was intended to choose emissary to Ireland ; reference to faculties for missionaries in Ireland ; Wadding to be consulted.

f. 11r : Wadding to Barberini, February 1642 : Encloses sample letter which Barberini may send to those Irish soldiers in Flanders who wish to go to Ireland ; suggestion to procure ships.

f. 12r : Wadding to Barberini, February 1642 : Edmund Dwyer on way to Ireland ; nuncios at Brussels(?) and Avignon not acting in the best interests of Ireland ; Wadding hopes Barberini will give them necessary orders.

f. 13r : Wadding to Barberini, February 1642 : Requests Barberini that two religious of St. Isidore's be given passages on Mgr. Panciroli's ships as far as Genoa, and that these two and others be given relics etc.

ff. 14rv, 15r : Italian copy of a letter written by the bishop of Waterford to an Irish gentleman in Paris, 9.3.1642 : Reasons for the rising ; Richelieu should be asked to help the Irish with arms ; Dungarvan burned, and Edmund Hoare and John Clancy, priests, killed.

f. 19r : Wadding to Barberini, 22.3.1642 : Concerning correspondence between them.

f. 20r : Wadding to Barberini, 22.4.1642 : Edmund Dwyer has written from Paris ; is going to Nantes to embark for Ireland with soldiers ; says Bellings is gone to Ireland in a ship loaded with men and arms ; all Ireland, except Dublin and four other places, in the hands of the Catholics.

f. 21r : Wadding to Barberini, April 1642 : Has received another letter from Dwyer ; urges Barberini to speed up the allocation of money to Ireland.

f. 22r : Wadding to Barberini, 1642 : Dwyer captured by Turks ; Barberini asked to intercede for him ; frigate full of arms on way to Ireland ; Con O'Neill gone from Rochelle with sixty soldiers, and bringing arms bought by Irish merchants ; six ships to leave Nantes shortly with



further help ; Scots routed and 1500 dead ; castle of Galway taken by the Irish.

f. 23r : Wadding to Antonio Ferragalli(?), secretary to Barberini, April 1642 : Greetings and thanks.

f. 29rv : Extract from a letter of Fr. Cyprian, a French Capuchin, concerning the martyrdom of Fr. Edward Morgan. Letter seems to have been written to Ferragalli and is dated 30.5.1642.

f. 31r : Wadding to Ferragalli(?), May 1642 : is to speak to Barberini concerning an enclosed document (*aggiunta scrittura*). Document missing, unless it be the letter of Fr. Cyprian, mentioned above.

f. 32rv : Copy by Wadding of a letter to him from Geoffrey Baron, Beziers, 9.6.1642 : Wall and Baron at the French court since the beginning of June ; France very disturbed ; Richelieu not so powerful as formerly, and in bad health ; Ireland's greatest friend there is the nuncio to France ; climate not agreeing with Baron ; immediate help from Pope necessary, or cause is lost in Ireland.

f. 33rv : Wadding to Barberini or Ferragalli, 26.7.1642 : Concerning letters to be sent to the nobility and clergy of Ireland ; considers it better to send money for Ireland by way of Nantes ; Irishmen daily leaving Spanish services for homeland ; Con O'Neill also gone ; Owen O'Neill left Ostend with arms and men on June 29 ; Wadding fears trouble from O'Neills because of rivalry between them ; Preston does not wish to leave Flanders.

f. 34r : Wadding to Ferragalli(?), July 1642 : Wishes that letter to Geoffrey Baron be forwarded.

f. 35r : Wadding to Ferragalli(?), 26.7.1642 : Much the same as preceding.

ff. 36r-37r : Wadding to Barberini, 3.8.1642 : Archbishop of Tuam has excommunicated Clanrickard ; earls of Ormond and Antrim in prison ; Catholic bishop of Meath openly opposed to continuance of war ; Cork besieged by Catholics ; Colonel Plunket at St. Malo with two Jesuits, Plunket, his brother, and Talbot, in search of help ; fear that such individual and disorganised appeals for help will do harm ; hence need for Barberini to send somebody to Ireland to direct matters ; recently had letters from colonels Gallo, Stevenson and Purcell who serve in the Empire, and from Butler in Poland, wishing to go to Ireland ; Wadding advised them to go, and to bring with them all arms and men possible.

ff. 43r, 52v(address) : Wadding to Ferragalli, 4.10.1642 : Asks for help for Edmund Dwyer, who has been captured by the Turks.

f. 44rv : Wadding to Barberini, 20.10.1642 : Cork, Kinsale and Duncannon Fort taken by the Catholics ; Owen O'Neill has taken sixteen places in Ulster and has routed Scots ; Mountgarrett, O'Neill and Plunkets said to be uniting forces for attack on Dublin ; Galway taken by

English.

f. 45r : Wadding to Ferragalli(?), 22.10.1642 : Concerning letters to be sent from the Pope to Catholics of Ireland ; refers to Edmund Dwyer.

f. 46rv : Wadding to Barberini, 14.11.1642 (unsigned) : Papal aid has reached Wexford amidst rejoicing ; O Neill in command in Ulster, and Preston in Leinster ; O Neill besieging Trim ; parliament for Ireland set up in Kilkenny ; Luke Everard, Franciscan, to be their representative at Rome, Peter Darcy, Franciscan, at French Court, and Thomas Talbot, Augustinian, at Spanish Court ; Irish harvest good ; artillery and cannon badly needed ; O Neill of opinion that all Ireland should be in Irish hands within four months.

f. 47r : Wadding to Barberini, 4.3.1643 : Scarampi recalled from Naples to go to Ireland ; Barberini has given 2,000 scudi for artillery.

f. 53r : Wadding to Barberini, March 1643 : Petitions Barberini to grant vacant place in Lille college to a nephew of his, Baron.

ff. 54rv, 55r : Wadding to Barberini(?), May 1643 (unsigned) : Ormond, Puritans and Preston engaged in battle at New Ross ; Irish officers Thomas Butler, William Butler, and Cullen captured ; cannon has reached Ireland ; Preston has attacked Duncannon ; affairs going well with Irish army ; only a little money needed to finish the war ; those holding Dublin offer to open discussions at Drogheda with Supreme Council of Catholics ; offer rejected ; English news.

f. 56r : Wadding to Barberini, May 1643 : Concerning correspondence.

f. 57rv : Wadding to Barberini, 17.9.1646 : Thanks Barberini for help ; further victories by O Neill ; Preston has taken Roscommon, and Muskerri Bunratty, but more help needed ; Pope promised Wadding 15,000 scudi, and more later ; Rinuccini informs Wadding that the 30,000 scudi sent should be sufficient to clear Ireland of Puritans before the year is out ; Wadding will collect all the money he can.

f. 58r : Wadding to Barberini, 24.9.1646 : Expresses joy that troubles which upset the Barberini family are at an end ; Irish affairs prospering.

f. 63r : Wadding to Barberini, 3.4.1647 : John Ponce, Franciscan, going to Paris ; Wadding recommends him to Barberini.

f. 64rv : Wadding to Barberini, 2.6.1647 : Dispute between Wadding and Italian Capuchins concerning building of a wall near St. Isidore's ; Wadding invites Barberini to come and see what is being done.

ff. 65r-66v : Copy of letter from London dated 5.7.1648 : English affairs.

f. 67r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Recent appointments among Franciscans in Ireland causing confusion.

f. 73r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Greetings.

ff. 74r, 75r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Concerning religious in Ireland (Franciscans ?) who had been penalized by their superiors.

- f. 76r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Has got reply from Grimaldi ; will meet Barberini as arranged.
- f. 77r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Unnamed Franciscan has died in prison in London ; four other Irish Franciscans(?) and one Irish Dominican still in prison ; Oliver de Burgo, and Dominic de Burgo, Dominicans, hold present war in Ireland is unjust ; some suggest they both be removed from Ireland by order from Rome.
- f. 78rv : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Duncannon Fort taken by Irish ; O'Neill captures Dungannon ; John de Burgo, who brought powder and arms from Flanders, given command in Connacht ; Hartegan proposes that Ireland unite with some monarchy ; Wadding opposed to this ; hopes somebody will be sent by the Pope to Ireland to unite and direct the Catholics ; Scarampi mentioned for the post ; de Mello, governor of Flanders, hesitant about helping Ireland ; Wadding writes to him.
- f. 84r : Wadding to Barberini, no date (unsigned) : Geoffrey Baron has got 20,000 scudi for Ireland ; de Mello opposed to sending help to Ireland ; Galway has surrendered to Catholics ; victories for Irish arms.
- f. 85rv : Anonymous from Le Croisic in Brittany to anonymous (Geoffrey Baron to Wadding ?), 1.4.1642 : Is off to Ireland on ship bound for Waterford ; two Irish officers going with him ; shortly before 80 officers left ; English ambassador vainly attempts to prevent the release of Irish soldiers in French service ; people of Brittany on Ireland's side ; writer suggests that Card. Barberini use his influence to persuade Richelieu to send help to Ireland ; writer got 200 scudi in Paris ; gave some of it to Irish soldiers waiting to embark for homeland ; is secretly bringing 20 barrels of powder in ship ; passage to Ireland difficult because of English ships.
- ff. 87r, 87v, 89r, 89v : Letter from Brussels, 15.3.1642(?), no address and no signature : Don Bernardo mac Felim has reached Brussels from England ; at beginning of insurrection Irish nobles at English Court interned ; except for two places, Ireland is cleared of Scotch and English ; Antrim and Clanrickard have declared for the Catholics ; Ormond detained in Dublin ; 5,000 men in Ireland from Highlands and Isles of Scotland ; Irish army now numbers 30,000 ; archbishop of Malines does all he can to help ; English king's attitude to the insurrection in Ireland.
- f. 90rv : In Wadding's hand, no signature, date or address : Catholics rout English coming to relieve Athlone ; John de Burgo defeats English coming to relief of Galway ; Thomas de Burgo, on behalf of English king, negotiates with Irish ; Geoffrey Baron in difficulties at Dunkirk ; thirty-four Dutch vessels block Dunkirk harbour, making entrance for Irish difficult.
- f. 93r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Concerning the payment of 6,000 scudi to Hugh de Burgo at Antwerp ; a Padre Virgilio, who is doing some

business for Wadding and Barberini, mentioned.

f. 94r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Concerning some opinions held by Jansenius, and the censures, if any, to be attached to them ; Wadding wants time to examine them more fully.

f. 95rv : Wadding to Barberini, no date : King of England in desperate circumstances ; Irish arms meet with success ; Ormond and Clanrickard declare for Catholics ; Kildare and Thomond do not, and are besieged ; Dillon sent to negotiate with king of England, but imprisoned by the Puritans.

f. 99r : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Short note about some controversy in which Wadding was interested.

f. 100rv : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Concerning instructions sent to Hugh de Burgo by Wadding at Barberini's request ; help for Ireland and plight of king discussed.

f. 102rv : Wadding to Barberini, no date : Had audience with Pope concerning Irish affairs ; death of Fr. Paul, Franciscan, in London ; Essex and affairs in England ; Duncannon fort expected to surrender shortly ; complaint about Dominic de Burgo, Dominican, and his attitude to the war ; frigates from Wexford attack vessels of Parliamentarians.

ff. 103r, 101v(address) : Wadding to Luke Holstein, no date : Asks him to allow Franciscan provincials at general chapter to see Vatican Library.

**6540** Document no. 15 : Bonaventure Baron, Franciscan, to Card. Barberini(?), 23.2.1677 : Sends the cardinal some of his writings.

Doc. no. 16 : Baron to Barberini(?), 22.10.1677 : Complains that his enemies have prevented him printing some of his works ; has already printed nine volumes, has five ready for the printers, and is composing another.

Doc. no. 17 : Baron to Barberini(?), 6.8.1678 : Sends *Trias Tusca* ; complains about Card. Ludovisi and others.

Doc. no. 18 : Copy of permission granted Baron to have two Franciscans to assist him in his literary labours. September 1678.

Doc. no. 19 : Baron to Barberini(?), 29.8.1678 : Sends some of his writings.

Doc. no 20 : Benedict Saul, Franciscan, made professor of philosophy. September 1678.

**6682** [Letters of Mons. Fabio Chigi, inquisitor of Malta and bishop of Nardo, to Card. Francesco Barberini].

ff. 48rv : Concerning the prior of Ireland [Prospero Colonna] of the Knights of Malta. 3.3.1638.

ff. 55r, 57rv : Concerning the prior of Ireland. 10.3.1638.

f. 71r : Prior of Ireland seeks permission to read *Decameron* of Boccaccio. 16.4.1638.

ff. 117r-118v : Prior of Ireland and charge of the galleys. 30.6.1638.



f. 33or : Chigi asks Barberini to grant favour to one Padre Alessio, an Irishman. 14.3.1639.

**6690** Doc. no. 5 : Cascaris, Grand Master of the Knights of Malta, to Card. Barberini, 14.8.1636 : Concerning the prior of Ireland and the command of Milan.

Doc. no. 77 : Cascaris to Barberini, 30.10.1638 : In favour of the prior of Ireland.

**6726** [Despatches from Maximilian, duke of Bavaria, to Card. Francesco Barberini.]

f. 5rv : Despatch, 23.1.1642 : Irish affairs mentioned (5r).

f. 6rv : Despatch, 30.1.1642 : Irish affairs (6r).

f. 11rv : Despatch, 12.2.1642 : Irish affairs.

f. 12r : Despatch, February 1642 : Irish affairs.

f. 13r : Despatch, February 1642 : Irish affairs.

f. 18rv : Despatch, 21.3.1642 : Irish affairs (18r).

**6768** f. 32r : News-sheet, 26.2.1641 : Accusations against Strafford.

f. 44r : News-sheet, 29.3.1641 : Concerning Strafford.

f. 68rv : Despatch from Cologne, 26.5.1641 : Strafford ; the Irish army ; persecution of catholics (68r).

f. 112r : Despatch from Cologne, 3.11.1641 : Plague in England ; king thinking of going to Ireland.

**6769** f. 8r : Despatch from Cologne, 26.1.1642 : Irish hope to get possession of Dublin soon.

f. 11rv : Despatch from Cologne, 2.2.1642 : Irish army in possession of Dublin, but not of the castle (11v).

f. 13r : Despatch from Cologne, 9.2.1642 : Irish army advancing ; ships from France and Spain bring help.

ff. 27r-28r : Despatch from Cologne, 30.3.1642 : Irish have routed Scotch, and king of Spain has released some regiments to go to Ireland (27v-28r).

f. 51r : Despatch from Cologne, 11.6.1642 : Irish army still advancing ; two cities and a castle in Munster declare for Irish.

ff. 53r-54r : Despatch from Cologne, 29.6.1642 : 8,000 said to have died in encounter between English and Irish (54r).

f. 99rv : Despatch from Cologne, 21.12.1642 : Irish volunteers to serve king of England (99v).

**6795** f. 23r : Arundell Howard to Card. Barberini(?), 12.8.1645 : Complains that his nephew, Philip Howard, has been unduly influenced to enter the Dominicans by John Hackett, Dominican ; requests the cardinal to have the nephew taken out of the Dominican priory in Milan.

f. 41r : Hugh de Burgo to Card. Barberini, 8.9.1642 : Despite poor health, is willing to fulfil whatever orders cardinal might give him.

f. 42rv : Hugh de Burgo to Card. Barberini, 16.3.1645 : Scarampi men-



tioned ; Irish Catholics and king of Spain ; de Burgo deputed to inform king of Spain of events in Ireland.

f. 72r : James de Riddere, Franciscan commissary general, to Barberini, 29.9.1668 : Has written James Taaffe, Franciscan, to leave Ireland.

f. 76rv : Petition to Card. Barberini, as protector of the order, by Franciscans Bernard Fallon, Thomas Sirin, Francis O Kennedy and Laurence Bruin of St. Anthony's College, Louvain, that superiors of Irish Franciscans be appointed by Rome, and that they be men opposed to Walsh and Taaffe. 10.12.1668.

ff. 77r-78r : Rough notes without date mostly about Peter Walsh, Franciscan.

**6800** f. 155rv : Anna Isabella, wife of Archduke Albert of Austria and daughter of Philip II of Spain, to Urban VIII, 13.4.1628 : Suggests Robert Chamberlain, Hugh O Reilly and Edmund Dungan for see of Armagh, and asks that the person chosen be a native of the province of Armagh.

f. 231r : Anna Isabella to Card. Barberini(?), 7.4.1632 : At the suggestion of the earl of Tirconnell, proposes that Francis a S. Maria, Franciscan, be made bishop of Killala.

**6802** f. 1r : Card. de la Cueva to Card. Ludovisi, 18.9.1622 : Recommends Eugene Matthews, archbishop of Dublin.

f. 4r : Card. de la Cueva to Card. Ludovisi, 15.10.1622 : In favour of Florence Conry, archbishop of Tuam.

**6803** f. 65r : Guido Bentivoglio, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Borghese, 20.3.1610 : Concerning two Franciscans who give trouble in Ireland ; were ordered to go to Spain, but still remain in Ireland.

f. 207r : Bentivoglio to Card. Barberini, 23.10.1610 : In favour of Dermot Dorlan, Irish priest.

**6804** f. 107rv : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 9.4.1611 : Thomas Strange, Jesuit, suffered much in Tower of London ; now in Louvain.

ff. 111r-112r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 9.4.1611 : John Roche, Irish priest, with Bentivoglio in Brussels for some time ; studied at Douai, and knows many languages ; Bentivoglio recommends that he be made canon at St. Peter's, Douai.

**6805** ff. 153r-154r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 5.10.1611 : Has carried out a visitation of Irish College, Douai ; full of praise for Christopher Cusack, rector ; great poverty ; lately eight youths from the college went to Cologne with Francis Nugent to become Capuchins.

ff. 182r-183r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 15.10.1611 : Edicts against Irish Catholics ; archbishop of Cashel has arrived in Ireland (183r).

**6806** f. 16rv : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 21.1.1612 : Archbishop of Dublin in Brussels ; trying to get to Ireland, but difficult and dangerous

because of his associations with O'Neill.

f. 108r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 10.3.1612 : Recommends Maurice Ultan and Hugh MacCaughwell, Franciscans, on way to Rome for General Chapter.

ff. 163r-164r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, April 1612 : Bishop and priest put to death in Dublin because they refused to take oath (164r).

**6807** ff. 163r-169r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 29.9.1612 : Concerning the appointment of bishops in England ; passing reference to Ireland (168v).

ff. 238r-239v : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 10.11.1612 : Last September five priests were expelled from Ireland by viceroy ; they landed at Bordeaux and were cared for by Card. de Sourdis ; two returned home, two still supported by de Sourdis and the fifth gone to Douai ; despatch on English and Irish affairs.

**6808** ff. 73r-75r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 16.2.1613 : In defence of Christopher Cusack, John Roche and Thomas Shelton, about whom a disparaging report had been sent to the pope by Gelasius Lorcan, another Irishman.

ff. 141r-142r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, with copy of a letter from Bentivoglio to Card. Millini : The question of dispensation for Catholics in England, Ireland and Scotland to hold property in their possession which was formerly ecclesiastical. 6.4.1613.

f. 167r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 27.4.1613 : In accordance with orders received, will intercede with grand-duke for Irish Franciscans, Louvain.

f. 225rv : Despatch from England, 1613 : Concerning king of England, viceroy and Irish parliament.

ff. 262r, 264r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 22.6.1613 : In praise of the Irish Franciscans, Louvain.

**6809** f. 59r : Bentivoglio to Borghese(?), 31.8.1613 : sends copies of part of letters written by vice-president of English College, Douai, to John Roche, Bentivoglio's chaplain. Copies missing.

ff. 78rv, 79v : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 4.9.1613 : Concerning allowances granted by Spain to Irish colleges, etc., in Flanders.

f. 93r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 14.9.1613 : Christopher Cusack, Hugh McCaughwell and archbishop of Dublin have called on Bentivoglio and given him an account of affairs in Ireland ; they left him a written account in Latin ; he is sending an Italian summary of this. Summary missing.

f. 109r : Despatch from England, 1613 : Cornwallis sent to Ireland ; two Irish deputies in prison in London.

f. 110r : Bentivoglio to Borghese, 28.9.1613 : Encloses note in cypher concerning archbishop of Dublin. Cypher missing.

ff. 159r-160r : Despatch from England, 1613 : Irish peace-deputies return ;

earl of Southampton said to be next viceroy (159r).

**6810** f. 1r : Lucio Sanseverino, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Borghese, 9.1.1621 : Concerning faculties for archbishop of Dublin.

ff. 24r-25v : Sanseverino to Borghese, 30.1.1621 : Urges that bishops be appointed in Ulster and Connacht ; earl of Tyrone, Florence Conry, and Louvain Franciscans of same opinion.

f. 26r : Sanseverino to Borghese, 6.2.1621 : In favour of Thomas Mac-Morris.

f. 121rv : Sanseverino to Card. Ludovisi, 8.5.1621 : Asks that the Pope intercede with king of Spain on behalf of Dermot O Mallun, an Irish noble, who has lost all his possessions in Ireland because of his attachment to the Catholic faith.

**6812** f. 101rv : Giovanni Francesco de'Conti Guidi di Bagno, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Ludovisi, 9.10.1621 : In favour of the abbot of Mayo.

ff. 223r-225v : Di Bagno to Ludovisi, 29.1.1622 : Refers to Viscount Chichester, former Irish viceroy ; king of England has deputed commissaries to go to Ireland and hear complaints of the people there (223v, 224rv).

f. 324r : Di Bagno to Ludovisi, 23.7.1622 : Francis Nugent, Capuchin, reports that a book written in Spanish by an Irish priest, Philip O Sullivan, is unfavourable to England, and thinks it should not be published.

ff. 339r, 340v : Di Bagno to Ludovisi, 2.8.1622 : In favour of the archbishop of Dublin, who is at Brussels on his way to Rome.

**6813** f. 28r : Di Bagno to Ludovisi, 17.6.1623 : Earls of Tyrone and Tirconnell petition Pope that, on the occasion of the marriage of the prince of Wales, liberty of conscience be sought for Ireland ; request, too, that they be recommended to the king of Spain.

ff. 92r-94v : Di Bagno to Card. Bandino, 13.7.1624 : Account of the *Monti di Pietà* and reference to money left by archbishop of Dublin at *Monte di Pietà* in Brussels for an Irish seminary (92r).

ff. 123rv : Despatch from London, 21.3.1625 : Arms being sent to Ireland from England.

ff. 291r, 292v : Di Bagno to Card. Barberini, 6.3.1627 : Earls of Tyrone and Tirconnell should be held in high esteem because of their loyalty to the Holy See ; a letter from Pope to Mary Stuart O Donnell, sister of Tirconnell and cousin of Tyrone, would give much pleasure.

ff. 296r, 301v : Di Bagno to Barberini, 13.3.1627 : Delivered Pope's letter to Mary Stuart O Donnell in presence of Tyrone and Tirconnell ; letter received with joy.

**6815** f. 26r : Fabio de Legonissa, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Barberini, 26.6.1627 : Armagh clergy send statement concerning vacancy in that diocese. Statement missing.

- f. 55r : Concerning election to Armagh. 21.8.1627.
- f. 231r : Fabio de Legonissa to Barberini, 17.6.1628 : Will seek information about candidates proposed for Armagh.
- f. 242r : Fabio de Legonissa to Barberini, 24.6.1628 : Sends information about Chamberlain, O Reilly, and Dungan, candidates for Armagh.
- 6819** f. 31rv : Ricardo Paolo Stravio, internuncio Brussels, to Card. Barberini, 16.12.1634 : Irish troops in the service of Prince Thomas suffering from lack of pay.
- ff. 170rv, 172rv : Despatch from Brussels, 8.12.1635 : The command of the castle of Genappe has been entrusted to Colonel Preston, who acted with great valour in the defence of Louvain (170v).
- f. 184rv : Despatch from Brussels, 13.12.1635 : Death of Preston, governor of Genappe, reported.
- ff. 293r-294r : Despatch from Brussels, 13.9.1636 : Catholic army in France recently reinforced by arrival of three regiments of Walloons and one regiment of Irish (293r).
- ff. 320r-321r : Despatch from Brussels, 18.10.1636 : Dutch ship driven by storm on to Irish coast (320v).
- ff. 323r-324r : Despatch from Brussels, 25.10.1636 : Concerning aforementioned ship (324r).
- ff. 339r-340v : Despatch from Brussels, 29.11.1636 : Regiment of Irish soldiers at Arras (339r).
- 6820** ff. 47r-48v : Despatch from Brussels, 14.3.1637 : Arras and S. Omer mentioned in connection with a company of Irish infantry (47r).
- ff. 214r-215r : Despatch from Brussels, 30.1.1638 : Irish troops withdrawn from Aire ; going to Spain under earl of Tirconnell (214v).
- ff. 217r-218r : Despatch from Brussels, 6.2.1638 : Irish regiment embarks at Dunkirk for Spain (217r).
- ff. 237r-238r : Despatch from Brussels, 3.4.1638 : Irish troops going from England to Flanders (237v).
- 6821** ff. 238r-239r : Despatch, Antwerp, 16.6.1640 : Some companies of Irish soldiers fighting in Flanders for Spain (238v).
- ff. 240rv, 242rv : Despatch, Brussels, 23.6.1640 : Arras besieged by French, but well supplied to hold out ; an Irish colonel shares the command there (242v).
- ff. 263rv : Despatch, Brussels, 28.7.1640 : Those inside Arras launch attack on French ; an Irish captain killed in the encounter (264r).
- 6822** ff. 2r-3v : Richard Paul Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Francis Barberini, 5.1.1641 : French troops try to take Lens ; O'Neill who commands at Douai, is ordered to move to Lens (2r).
- ff. 23r-24v : Stravio to Barberini, 9.3.1641 : Mentions the arrest of O'Neill, who commanded at the siege of Arras (23r).



ff. 199r-200r : Despatch from Stravio, 21.12.1641 : Irish army said to number 30,000 ; many officers leaving foreign service to fight at home (199v).

ff. 218r, 221v : Stravio to Barberini, 8.2.1642 : Preston and O'Neill leaving for Ireland ; Stravio will do all possible to help the Irish.

ff. 226rv, 233v : Stravio to Barberini, 15.2.1642 : Stravio has urged Francis de Mello, governor general of the Low Countries, to release Preston and O'Neill from his service ; de Mello hesitant.

ff. 243r-244r : Despatch from Stravio, 15.3.1642 : Dublin besieged by Catholic army which numbers 50,000 ; 5,000 Scotch have joined it (244r).

f. 246Arv : Rough draft of directions from Barberini to Stravio, 8.3.1642, as to how he (Stravio) is to negotiate with de Mello concerning the release from Spanish service of Preston and O'Neill for the campaign in Ireland.

ff. 248r-249v : Stravio to Barberini, 15.3.1642 : Is doing all he can to get help for the Irish ; Preston and O'Neill deserve support, but authorities in Flanders hesitant, as England has threatened to break off relations with Spain if Ireland is given help ; Stravio himself hopes to send 12,000 muskets secretly to Ireland ; O'Neill visits Stravio and asks him to use his influence with de Mello to allow him (O'Neill) to go to Ireland.

ff. 254r-255r : Despatch from Stravio, 22.3.1642 : Mentions encounter between English and Irish troops in which 3,000 English died (254v-255r).

f. 256rv : Stravio to Barberini, 22.3.1642 : De Mello has issued an order at Dunkirk that none of the king of Spain's subjects is to help Ireland ; Dublin besieged by Catholic army (256r).

ff. 259r-260r : Despatches from London, 27.2.1642, 7.3.1642, 14.3.1642 : Passing references to Irish affairs.

f. 264rv : Stravio to Barberini, 29.3.1642 : Aim of the Irish army is to restore the whole island to Catholicism ; Stravio urges Holy See to help with arms and men.

f. 265r : Copy of a letter of the bishop of Ghent to Stravio, 24.3.1642 : If Pope were free from the war in Parma he could more efficiently help those fighting for Catholicism in Ireland and England ; all European princes should call a truce among themselves and throw their armies into Ireland and England to overcome the Puritans.

f. 266r : Stravio to Barberini, 5.4.1642 : Concerning letters sent to Barberini on Irish and English affairs.

ff. 268r-269r : Despatches from London, 23.3.1642, 28.3.1642 : English affairs, with passing references to Ireland.

f. 275rv : Instructions from Barberini to Stravio, 19.4.1642 : Concerning Stravio's attitude to Irish war ; in dealing with Irish affairs he must consider present heavy commitments of Holy See ; help, when given,



is to be given without publicity.

f. 293r : Stravio to Barberini, 16.5.1642 : Has written to all bishops and prelates in Flanders to help Irish Catholics ; except for the archbishop of Malines, who will give money secretly, all say they are unable to help because of prevailing difficulties.

**6825** ff. 33r-34v : Despatch, Brussels, 14.6.1642 : Irish in possession of the whole country except Derry, Drogheda, Dublin and two other towns (34rv).

ff. 52r-53r : Despatch, Brussels, 28.6.1642 : Irish hold Dublin and other places (52rv).

ff. 55r-56r : Despatch, Brussels, 5.7.1642 : 5,000 soldiers on way to Ireland from England (55r).

f. 63rv : Despatch, Brussels, 12.7.1642 : O'Neill is refused permission to go to Ireland by governor of Flanders ; Clanrickard's attitude towards Catholic army in Ireland (63r).

ff. 115r-116r : Despatch, Brussels, 13.9.1642 : Ship from Ireland at Dunkirk ; Irish army advancing (115v).

ff. 117rv : Despatch, Brussels, 20.9.1642 : O'Neill making headway against English in Ireland (117v).

f. 128rv : Despatch, Brussels, 25.10.1642 : Frigate by which O'Neill left the Low Countries has arrived back at Dunkirk ; Preston arrived at Wexford on Sept. 30 ; was immediately appointed general in command of Leinster forces ; after subduing Duncannon all forces are to unite for attack on Dublin ; earl of Tirconnell has reached Wexford from Spain.

**6826** ff. 22r-23r : Antonio Bichi, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Francesco Barberini, 31.1.1643 : Governors for the provinces chosen by Irish parliament at Kilkenny ; parliament will continue to meet at Kilkenny till Dublin is taken (22rv).

ff. 30r-31v : Bichi to Barberini, 21.2.1643 : Irish ships at Dunkirk ; victories by Preston, Barry, de Burgo and O'Neill ; three ships laden with arms for Ireland driven back to Dunkirk by storm (30rv).

f. 120rv : Bichi to Barberini, 22.8.1643 : Negotiations between Irish and English, but no decision reached ; Irish wish to establish fleet ; English parliament accuse king of negotiating with Irish ; Preston has taken castle near Dublin ; Barry besieging Cork.

ff. 175r-176r : Bichi to Barberini, 19.12.1643 : 5,000 infantry and 500 horse disembark at Chester from Ireland (175v).

**6827** ff. 5r-6r : Bichi to Barberini, 9.1.1644 : King of Spain to send two deputies to Ireland to treat with Catholics ; 2,000 English arrive from Ireland at Chester ; Irish victorious over Scotch in Ulster (5v-6r).

ff. 42r-43r : Bichi to Barberini : Account of Giovanni Gauarella, said to have been very favourable to Irish at Dunkirk.

ff. 45r-46r : Bichi to Barberini, 27.2.1644 : Reference to Irish in relation to Scottish advance in England (45r).

ff. 89r-90r : Bichi to Barberini, 7.5.1644 : Reported that king of England has abolished all penal laws against Irish Catholics, who may publicly practise religion wherever they are in majority (90r).

ff. 129r-130v : Bichi to Barberini, 25.6.1644 : No confirmation of accord between king of England and the Irish ; rumour spread by Parliamentarians against the king (130rv).

**6828** f. 17rv : Girolamo de Vecchi, internuncio at Brussels, to Barberini, 23.11.1658 : Concerning Irish College, Antwerp.

f. 32r : Internuncio Airoidi to Barberini, 19.10.1669 : Concerning 1,000 florins granted to Irish College, Louvain.

**6829** ff. 33rv, 38r : Ottaviano Falconieri, internuncio at Brussels, to Card. Barberini, 19.5.1674 : Concerning Patrick Maginn, abbot.

f. 41rv : Falconieri to Barberini, 26.5.1674 : Duke of Ormond has gone to Ireland.

ff. 42r-43r : Falconieri to Barberini, 2.6.1674 : Anthony Egan, Franciscan, has written a book in English censuring the Catholic Church ; Richard Archdekin replies ; new decree against clergy in Ireland.

f. 71rv : Falconieri to Barberini, 11.8.1674 : Refers to a letter of the bishop of Clogher, who has no income from his diocese and needs help ; Falconieri suggests a grant be made by Holy See for division among needy bishops in Ireland.

**7085** ff. 83r-84v : Card. Francis Barberini to Gaspar Mattei, nuncio to the emperor, 8.2.1642 : Concerning the seminary of Cardinal Harrach at Prague and the Irish Franciscans.

**7576** ff. 124r, 125v : Denis O Driscoll, archbishop of Brindisi, to Card. Barberini(?), 11.3.1642 : Because of illness is at Naples ; Edmund Dwyer, his agent, has left Rome without informing him.

ff. 126r-129v : Printed matter in Italian concerning Irish affairs, sent to Rome by O Driscoll.

f. 130r : O Driscoll to Barberini, 24.2.1643 : Protests that in spite of accusations made against him, he has the welfare of his diocese at heart ; refers to affairs of his diocese.

ff. 132r, 133v : O Driscoll to Barberini(?), 17.10.1643 : Thanks for favours conferred on his cousin, John David McCarthy ; expresses loyalty to Barberini.

**7949** f. 93r : Card. Joyeuse to Barberini, 12.10.1609 : Concerning Lorcan Gelasius and some poor Irish youths at Rouen ; Joyeuse intercedes for them.

**7951** f. 158r : Card. Richelieu to Card. Anthony Barberini, 15.1.1639 : Recommends John Cantwell, Cistercian, who is on his way to Rome

concerning the re-establishment of the Cistercians in Ireland ; wishes Barberini to give all possible help, but to see to it that the authority of the abbot of Citeaux over the Irish Cistercians be not interfered with.

**8059** ff. 108r-109v : Bernardine Spada, nuncio in France, to Francis Barberini, 29.10.1625 : Francis Nugent, Capuchin, has shown him letters, given by Paul V, approving Capuchin mission in Great Britain, as well as letters, etc., given by Capuchin General ; concerning Capuchin foundation at Charleville.

**8215** ff. 37r-38r : Despatch, London, 28.9.1641 : Irish rebellion causing anxiety in England ; measures being taken to deal with it (37r).

ff. 120r-121r : Despatch, London : Failure of Maguire to take Dublin Castle, and progress of the war in Ireland ; Italian version of oath taken by rebels. Bears no date, but considering dates on documents before and after, is probably January 1642.

**8216** f. 6rv : Jerome Grimaldi, nuncio in France, to Francis Barberini, 11.3.1642 : Edmund Dwyer gave him letter from Barberini ; Dwyer, on way to Ireland, keeps his business to himself.

f. 33r : Despatch, Narbonne, 18.5.1642 : Believed that king of England is not going to Ireland ; Drogheda captured and 20,000 Irish ready to march on Dublin.

**8217** f. 6or, 6ov : Grimaldi to Francis Barberini, 20.2.1643 : Dr. Tyrrell and Geoffrey Baron lately arrived in Paris from Wexford ; as a result of mishaps on journey lost their ship ; Baron said to carry letters from General Assembly, Kilkenny.

**8218** f. 255r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 4.6.1644 : Forwards a letter of Scarampi which was sent him from Ireland. Letter missing.

**8222** [This volume contains items of news from London sent by Grimaldi, nuncio in France, to Francis Barberini].

f. 20rv : Despatch, London, 14.11.1641 : Governors of Ireland report to parliament they have discovered a conspiracy of the Catholics against the Protestants ; O Neill, MacMahon, etc., leaders ; Ireland in revolt.

f. 22rv : Despatch, London, 21.11.1641 : General revolt in Ireland ; 20,000 under arms ; half advance on Dublin, half northwards ; plan to blow up English governors in Ireland alleged ; Irish, under Patrick O Neill, defeat English under Moore ; Leicester to be sent into Ireland with arms and men ; Scots thought to favour Irish revolt.

f. 24r : Despatch, London, 5.12.1641 ; Irish said to have taken Dublin and its Castle.

f. 26v : Despatch, London, 18.12.1641 : Troops to be sent into Ireland ; Irish promise to lay down arms if king gives them liberty of conscience.

ff. 27r-28r : Despatch, London, 19—26.12.1641 : Irish in revolt for religion, but recognise king of England ; 30,000 men under arms ; division in

English parliament delays decision on Irish question ; Leslie to lead 10,000 Scots against Irish ; England to send 1,000 horses and to arm Scots ; Dillon meets the king ; Irish said to declare that the king authorised the revolt ; parliament calls on king and queen to repudiate the charge.

f. 33r : Despatch, London, 2.1.1642 : Irish rebellion gains in intensity ; Dublin besieged ; attempt to fire the city ; alleged atrocities by Irish troops ; levy of Scots being speeded up ; apart from 400 horses, which are ready to leave, troops and arms will not be sent into Ireland for six weeks ; fast in London for success against Irish.

f. 35rv : Despatch, London, 9.1.1642 : Difficulties in getting Scots to go to Ireland, as they do not agree their leaders should be subject to an English general etc. ; Drogheda taken by Irish ; provisions and arms captured.

f. 36r : Despatch, London, 16.1.1642 : Levy of English troops for Ireland.

ff. 37r, 38v : Despatch, London, 9—16.1.1642 : Among concessions demanded by parliament from king are some relating to Ireland ; troops going to Ireland.

f. 46v : Despatch, London, 6.2.1642 : All Ireland up in arms ; 400 Irish taken prisoners near Dublin.

f. 47v : Despatch, London, 13.2.1642 : Revolt in Ireland continues ; sending of 10,000 Scots to be speeded up, and some of the concessions asked by them to be granted.

f. 51r : Despatch, London, 20.2.1642 : Scots moving to Ireland demand Carrickfergus castle be given them ; request granted, but 20,000 Irish said to be marching on the castle ; contradictory news about encounter between Catholics and Protestants in Ulster.

f. 52r : Despatch from Ostend(?), bearing no date : A merchant from Cork reports all Ireland, except Cork and Kinsale, is in Catholic hands ; earl of Cork captured in an encounter with Munster troops.

f. 62v : Despatch, London, 13.3.1642 : Irish news uncertain ; 3,000 infantry and 400 horses gone to Ireland ; king upset by news that many Irish leave England to join the rebels.

f. 67rv : Despatch, London, 27.3.1642 : Remonstrance presented by members of the Upper and Lower Houses to the king ; Ireland mentioned.

f. 73rv : Unsigned note, Galway, 13.4.1642 : Four counties in the north of Ireland said to be cleared of Protestants ; all Leinster, except Dublin, Duncannon, and a few castles, in Catholic hands ; no Protestants left in co. Tipperary ; however, Protestants hold all strongholds of importance, but are besieged by Catholics ; arms, etc., needed ; Protestants get help from England ; war between France and Spain deprives Ireland of help from these countries ; atrocities of Protestant army ; Clanrickard standing



aloof from struggle.

f. 76v : Despatch, London, 4.4.1642 : Money granted to clothe English soldiers going to Ireland ; Irish reaffirm unity ; English army in Ireland in want.

f. 80r : Despatch, London, 24.4.1642 : King of England indignant with Irish rebels ; will never allow Catholic religion to be practised there ; intends to go into Ireland himself, and to bring a guard of 2,000 infantry and 200 horse ; parliament will not allow such a move.

f. 83r : Despatch, London, 1.5.1642 : Uncertain news of Irish affairs ; English troops there in want ; John Clotworthy takes over command of Harcourt's regiment.

f. 84r : Unsigned note, Rochelle, 6.5.1642 : Several Irish leaders resolve to die rather than submit, but arms and money wanted.

f. 91v : Despatch, London, 15.5.1642 : English give thanks for successes in Ireland ; parliament wishes to call up 10,000 men ; a present sent to Ormond for his services.

f. 98v : Despatch, London, 5.6.1642 : English soldiers mutiny in Dublin ; Coote captured at Trim ; king refuses to sanction levy of 10,000 troops proposed by parliament.

f. 100r : Despatch, London, 12.6.1642 : Levy of troops for Ireland ; voluntary contributions in England to help Irish Protestants.

f. 113v : Despatch, London, 24.7.1642 : Limerick taken by the Irish ; is said that the earl of Antrim is to be brought there to be tried.

f. 116r : Despatch, London, 31.7.1642 : Parliament has 5,000 infantry and 500 horse ready to go into Ireland ; Irish outnumber English by ten to one.

f. 117r : Despatch, London, 7.8.1642 : 5,000 troops levied for Ireland set out but returned.

**8223** [News received by Grimaldi, nuncio in France, from London, and forwarded to Barberini].

ff. 14rv, 15v : Despatch, London, 23.10.1642 : Leicester not allowed to go into Ireland till he shows parliament instructions he received from the king ; Faulkland thought to have gone to Ireland to get troops for king ; Warwick sends twelve vessels to guard Irish coast to prevent help reaching Ireland ; parliament has asked Spanish ambassador that no ships be allowed to pass from Spain to Ireland ; Warwick has captured five ships heading for Ireland ; all vessels assisting the Irish or the king to be taken.

ff. 22rv, 23v : Despatch, London, 13.11.1642 : As arms and provisions are continually arriving in Ireland from Flanders, parliament has decided to send an envoy to Brussels to stop this traffic, as it is against the peace agreement between Spain and England.



ff. 28rv, 29v : Despatch, Paris, 28.II.1642 : Irish news got from merchants lately arrived at S. Malo ; one of the merchants had letters from Fr. Hartegan, but had to throw them into the sea.

ff. 46rv, 47v : Despatch, London, 14.I.1643 : Leicester ready to embark for Ireland, but recalled by king, who is considering sending earl of Bristol in his stead.

ff. 78r-79v : Despatch, London, 25.5—5.6.1643 : Lower House accuses king of favouring Muskerry (79r).

f. 120rv : Despatch, London, 12.II.1643 : 3,000 Irish have come to England to serve the king.

f. 124rv : Despatch, London, 31.I2.1643 : John Byron, commander of the king's troops, visits the 2,000 Irish lately arrived in England ; earl of Antrim rescued from Carrickfergus where he was prisoner.

f. 128rv : Despatch, London, 22.I.1644 : Marquis of Newcastle advises king to stand his ground with the help of Irish troops etc. ; Byron assists at disembarkation of Irish troops.

**8236** ff. 75r-76v : Grimaldi, nuncio in France, to Barberini, 23.I.1643 : Uncertain news about Irish affairs ; many letters directed to Fr. Hartegan cast into sea on approach of English and Dunkirk ships ; one despatch, written by Colonel Cullen, captured ; Preston near Dublin with 15,000 men ; army of Scots have retired to coast (75r).

ff. 88r, 89r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 6.2.1643 : Geoffrey Baron on way to France with commissions from Supreme Council.

ff. 90r-91r : Italian version of resolutions taken at General Assembly, Kilkenny, 24.I0.1642.

**8237** ff. 18rv, 19rv, 20r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 27.2.1643 : No further news of Baron ; Crosby, a convert, intends to go to Ireland with arms bought at his own expense, and expects that his friend, Muskerry, will give him command of an army in Munster ; Crosby intends, first of all, to take over a port suitable for commerce with France and Spain ; duke of Bouillon hopes to get command of Catholic armies in Ireland, and is believed to be supporting Crosby's plans (19v-20r).

ff. 37r, 38r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 6.3.1643 : Reference to letters from two Irish Jesuits ; Baron coming with full approval of General Assembly ; Irish place all hope in the Pope.

f. 39rv : News from Wexford, 2.2.1643 : Preston and the siege of Birr ; affairs in Connacht and Leinster.

f. 83rv : Extract in Italian of propositions for a meeting at Drogheda between Ormond etc. and the Confederate Catholics.

**8238** ff. 1r-5r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 3.4.1643 : Copy of testimonials for Geoffrey Baron ; need of money and arms ; alleged that queen of England wishes the king to allow liberty of religion to Irish Catholics ;

such a concession would bring peace to Ireland, and then the king could use Irish arms for his own purpose in England ; Crosby off to Ireland shortly ; Irish said to seek complete independence from England (2r-3r, 5r).

f. 63rv : Grimaldi to Barberini, 24.4.1643 : Baron has reached Paris ; stresses unity among the Irish, and explains efforts to maintain order and discipline in army ; is to make further efforts to get help from France, Spain, etc.

ff. 64r-66r : Grimaldi to Barberini, 24.4.1643 : France and Spain say they would help Ireland more if there were peace between House of Austria and France ; however, then the non-Catholic armies would help their friends in Ireland too, so Grimaldi thinks it best for the Pope to take the success of the Irish struggle entirely on himself ; help needed, but 100,000 scudi, if used economically, would bring victory ; all-out support of Ireland by Rome would bring the Pope honour in Italy and among the leaders in Europe (65r-66r).

**8240** ff. 43rv : Grimaldi, nuncio at Paris, to Barberini, 7.8.1643 : Concerning the king of England and the Irish Catholics ; Geoffrey Baron still in France (43r).

**8247** ff. 11rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 4.1.1642 : Barberini has appealed to Richelieu to help the English Catholics and to send arms etc. to the Irish army ; Grimaldi and Rossetti, internuncio in Flanders, are to keep in communication concerning these affairs (11r).

ff. 72r-76r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 25.1.1642 : Among a list of books required by the cardinal is *Peregrinus Hierichontinus* by Florence Conry (72r, 74r). In a note to Grimaldi on 31.1.1642 the cardinal refers to the journey to Ireland of Edmund Dwyer (76r).

ff. 89r-90v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 1.2.1642 : Concerning the English parliament and king, and Irish troops for the king of Spain (90r).

ff. 101r-102v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 3.2.1642 : Dwyer on the point of leaving Rome for Ireland ; is first to proceed to France, and get instructions from Grimaldi ; Dwyer praised for his work as agent for the Irish clergy ; purpose of his journey is to get information as to the nature of the insurrection in Ireland, and to see how Irish can best be helped ; is bringing letters to Richelieu, Mazarin etc.

ff. 103r-111v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 3.2.1642 : Dwyer being sent to Ireland ; what led to this decision, and how Grimaldi is to instruct and help Dwyer ; Richelieu expected to help.

f. 131rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 15.2.1642 : Praises him for his active interest in Irish affairs ; much help necessary, especially ships.

ff. 145r-146v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 22.2.1642 : Difficult to keep Edmund Dwyer's mission a secret ; agent of the English queen at Rome seems

to have heard of it ; praises Grimaldi for zeal in promoting Irish affairs ; question of help for Ireland ; would be a good idea if Irish made diversionary attack in Scotland.

**8248 ff.** 6r-9v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 1.3.1642 : Richelieu not inclined to send help to Ireland, and difficulties in way of Pope's doing so ; English Catholics in greater peril than Irish, and so need help more desperately ; danger of Calvinists getting upper hand in England and then taking over Ireland ; Irish in need of arms and men.

**ff.** 30r-32r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 16.3.1642 : Communications between Hugh de Burgo and Wadding on means of supplying arms to Irish ; money sent to Grimaldi for arms ; has permission to spend upwards of 20,000 scudi on arms etc., of which 10,000 was given by Anthony Barberini, and the same amount by Francis Barberini ; Grimaldi entrusted with business of procuring arms because of Barberini's confidence in him ; Richelieu should help rather than the Holy See ; direct interference by a papal agent in the business might only increase persecution against English and Irish Catholics ; in case the handling of the 20,000 scudi might cause suspicion and destroy secrecy, it may be said that the money is from Luke Wadding, who is about to found a college in France or Flanders ; Grimaldi to work in co-operation with Hugh de Burgo ; concerning Dwyer's mission to Ireland.

**ff.** 48r-49v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 22.3.1642 : If the Pope openly espoused Irish cause, the Protestants in Ireland who are united with the Catholics would no longer co-operate, and would leave all the work to the Holy See ; Wadding, de Burgo, the Barberinis, and suggestions for the expenditure of the money given for Irish help.

**ff.** 52r-53v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 29.3.1642 : Vessels at Dunkirk loaded with arms for Ireland ; English parliament objects to Spanish ambassador in London that this is against the peace agreement between Spain and England ; becoming more difficult to send help to Ireland ; Dwyer to be given whatever money he needs (53rv).

**ff.** 58r-59v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 5.4.1642 : Dwyer sent from Paris to Ireland ; Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, promoting collection among clergy in Flanders in aid of Ireland ; money sent to Grimaldi is to be said to have come from Wadding ; secrecy essential ; de Burgo has little hope of Spanish help, as Spain wishes to remain at peace with England.

**f.** 64rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 12.4.1642 : Irish army doing well, but artillery and arms needed ; Grimaldi to employ the 20,000 scudi as he thinks best (64v).

**f.** 76rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 3.5.1642 : Passing reference to Ireland (76v).

**ff.** 90r-91r : Barberini to Grimaldi and Rossetti, 10.5.1642 : Concerning

Preston's return to Ireland ; Grimaldi and help from Richelieu ; Hugh de Burgo and the distribution of the money sent from Rome to buy arms (90rv).

f. 100r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 17.5.1642 : Grimaldi has done wisely in not sending bills of exchange for the 20,000 scudi to de Burgo ; return of Bellings awaited so that his advice can be had on the best method of spending the money ; further appeal made to Richelieu.

ff. 106r-107v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 20.5.1642 : Had a letter from Edmund Dwyer written 1.4.1642 from a port in Brittany ; Grimaldi gave Dwyer money, as he had spent much helping Irish soldiers on way home ; mention of 40,000 scudi for Ireland, of which 20,000 contributed by the Barberinis ; suggestions as to how the money is to be used (106v-107r.)

ff. 116r-117r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 24.5.1642 : Speaks of a letter from Dwyer, who was leaving Brittany for Ireland accompanied by two captains ; eighty officers had gone before ; English ambassador attempts to block exit of Irish soldiers from France by appeal to Richelieu, but in vain ; English affairs and their relation to Ireland and Scotland.

ff. 122r-123r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 31.5.1642 : Rumour that Bellings has been made prisoner ; references to Dwyer and to de Burgo ; Grimaldi praised for his efforts to get Richelieu to help Ireland ; concerning collection among clergy of Flanders sponsored by Stravio (122rv).

f. 124rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 7.6.1642 : Praises him for his diligence in buying arms for Ireland so that they will be ready for despatch when word is given ; efforts of the Irish in Paris to purchase and send arms please Barberini.

ff. 150r-151r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 21.6.1642 : Refers to Irish in France buying arms ; hopes it is not true that Bellings has been condemned to death ; tells Grimaldi to intercede with French ambassador in London for him (150v-151r).

ff. 154r-155r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 28.6.1642 : Praises him for his solicitude for Captain Wall and Fr. Hartegan ; Bellings in prison ; advice concerning arms for Ireland ; has written to the nuncio in Spain to use his influence in recovering 3,000 scudi taken from Wall by one de Campos, a Spanish captain.

**8249** ff. 13r-15v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 5.7.1642 : Glad to hear of arrival of Wall, Baron and Hartegan ; expresses his great friendship with Wadding ; Mountgarrett has written to Wadding explaining attitude of Catholics towards non-Catholics in Ireland, loyalty to king of England, etc. ; Grimaldi to find out what arms are needed by Irish ; clergy in Ireland giving trouble in their efforts to get back ecclesiastical property taken from them ; better if they first made sure of the security of Catholic



religion there ; concerning the coming to Ireland of Felix and of Owen O'Neill ; Preston not anxious to come home ; an Italian with title of prince or duke might be sent to Ireland to lead the forces there, but king of England would be jealous and displeased ; if English and Scottish supporters of the king united there might be fear of an attack on Ireland ; suggestion that the Irish abroad be urged to return home ; better that none of the O'Neills claim the lordship of Ireland, as that would displease many of the Irish and also the king and queen of England ; concerning freedom of conscience for Catholics, and ecclesiastical goods held by non-Catholics ; ships and experienced officers needed for Ireland ; Grimaldi is to let Barberini know of the needs of the Irish, particularly as regards arms.

ff. 20r-21v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 12.7.1642 : Refers to animosities between Munster and Ulster, and gives nuncio suggestions concerning arms for Ulster ; question of sending an ecclesiastic to Ireland to unite all interests ; Bonaventure Conny of St. Isidore's, without consulting the Pope or Barberini, has written to England saying it was hoped to make one of the house of O'Neill prince of Ulster, etc. ; alleged that the king had the letter published to show the danger of the insurrection and to prove he was not in league with the Irish Catholics (21rv).

ff. 30r-32v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 26.7.1642 : Refers to Gregory French, Dominican, and Callaghan ; queen of England concerning freedom of conscience for Catholics ; Ulster and Munster not friendly towards each other ; the sending of arms ; de Burgo having arms sent to Waterford ; those bringing them should get in touch with the archbishop of the district in which they landed, who was to advise concerning the distribution of the arms ; had a letter from Hartegan ; Hugh de Burgo, friend of O'Neill, would probably be anxious that the arms be given to Ulster ; Barberini of opinion Leinster should get goodly share ; Rossetti, at Brussels, and Grimaldi to give attention to the distribution of the arms etc. ; concerning letters written by Grimaldi to the bishops and nobility of Ireland ; instructions to procure further help (30v-31v).

f. 56r : Passing reference to Ireland.

f. 58r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 16.8.1642 : Consoled by news about Irish affairs sent by Grimaldi ; pleased at the decisions formulated by the bishops and clergy, but doubtful as to the possibility of enforcing censures mentioned ; glad O'Neill is in Ulster, as that province needs him badly.

f. 87rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 30.8.1642 : Hartegan mentioned ; Barberini in favour of Preston's idea about marching on Dublin ; Baron gone to Ireland ; attitude of Spanish authorities in Flanders ; concerning letter of Gregory French.

ff. 114r-115v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 6.9.1642 : Pleased that Grimaldi

and Preston had exchange of views about a diversionary force being sent to Scotland ; praises O'Neill and Preston, and tells Grimaldi to exhort them to unity of action etc. ; concerning English king and Catholics ; an Irish army could help Catholics in both countries, but Dublin must first be taken ; Grimaldi has given publicity to successes of Irish army and to the queen's attitude towards Irish Catholics (114rv).

ff. 122r-123v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 6.9.1642 : Concerning Hartegan ; Preston, Plunket and others off to Ireland ; Barberini pleased ; take arms with them ; Preston has stressed importance of capturing Dublin ; glad at the formation of a Council in Ireland, but upset at the mishap which overtook Edmund Dwyer ; non-Catholics retiring to Dublin (122v-123v).  
f. 134rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 8.9.1642 : Plunket taking supplies of powder with him to Ireland ; Preston brought as much arms as he could ; ship released from Rochelle with arms for Ireland just before orders blocking release were issued ; concerning alleged passage of 10,000 Scots into Ireland.

**8250** ff. 30rv, 31v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 27.10.1642 : Reference to Edmund Dwyer(?) ; Irish affairs progressing satisfactorily ; sends two letters, to be forwarded to Ireland, to console and unite Catholics there (30v).

ff. 68rv, 69v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 15.11.1642 : Very pleased with account of state of affairs in Ireland given by Hugh de Burgo (68v).

**8251** f. 13rv : Barberini to Grimaldi, 1.1.1643 : Concerning England and duke of Parma, with passing reference to Ireland.

f. 51r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 28.1.1643 : Refers to some proposals put forward by queen of England in the interests of Catholics, and hopes the king and his ministers will regard them favourably ; otherwise all that has been done in Ireland will have been in vain.

**8253** f. 2r : Barberini to Grimaldi, 23.5.1643 : Concerning Grimaldi's suggestion that 100,000 scudi be given the Irish, and that an agent from Rome be sent there.

ff. 22rv, 23v : Barberini to Grimaldi, 27.5.1643 : Money for Ireland ; Scarampi being sent.

**8254** f. 38rv : Guidi di Bagno, nuncio in France, to Francis Barberini, 23.12.1644 : Queen of England mentioned as coming to Ireland to give courage to the Catholics ; suggested that her sons be educated there ; chance that king might help Irish Catholics.

f. 45rv : Guidi di Bagno to Barberini, 13.1.1645 : Rumour of peace between Protestant followers of king and Irish Catholics ; money granted by king of France and Cardinal Mazarin to help Irish.

f. 52r : Guidi di Bagno to Barberini, 26.3.1645 : Efforts to get help for English and Irish Catholics ; little fruit.

f. 61rv : Unsigned and undated, but probably from Guidi di Bagno : Concerning help from France for Irish Catholics.

f. 104rv : Guidi di Bagno to Barberini, 9.10.1646 : Fr. Lecler (?), an Irish Jesuit, at Paris ; concerning money affairs of certain nuns at Ghent ; Luke Wadding to be consulted on the point.

f. 114rv : Guidi di Bagno to Barberini, 29.3.1647 : Scarampi arrived in Paris on way from Ireland a few days ago ; is off to Rome ; need of help for Irish stressed ; news from Wadding that dean of Fermo has left Rome bringing with him some money for Ireland.

f. 120r : Guidi di Bagno to Barberini, 17.7.1647 : Has overcome difficulties concerning despatch of money sent from Rome for Ireland ; mention of dean of Fermo on way to Ireland.

**8457** f. 28rv : Barberini to Facchinetti, nuncio in Spain, 15.2.1642 : Suggests that king of England help English and Irish Catholics.

ff. 46r-47v : Barberini to Facchinetti, 15.3.1642 : Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, pleaded with de Mello to allow Preston and O'Neill to go to Ireland ; de Mello wished to know if Stravio had been instructed by the Pope to do so ; outline of Stravio's answer, and of what Barberini wrote to Stravio on learning of his answer ; Facchinetti asked to use his influence to get help for Irish Catholics ; king of Spain should easily be able to give arms etc. (46v).

**8460** ff. 41r-44v : Despatch, Madrid, 9.5.1641 : Mention made of a levy of 4,000 Irish and Walloon soldiers (43r).

ff. 57r-60v : Despatch, Madrid, 11-15.5.1641 : Reference to 400 Irish soldiers (58v).

**8461** ff. 32r-33v : Despatch, Madrid, 21.8.1641 : The levy of 10,000 Irish for Spanish service brings joy to Spanish court. Two copies of this despatch (32v, 33v).

ff. 35r-38r : Despatch, Madrid, 23.8.1641 : Reference to Irish troops in Portugal (35r) ; court at Madrid rejoices at levy of 10,000 Irish for Spanish army (37r).

**8475** ff. 123rv, 124r : Facchinetti, nuncio in Spain, to Barberini, 28.8.1641 : 10,000 Irish coming to serve the king of Spain ; have been allowed to come by English parliament, as it was feared they might side with the king against the parliament ; concerning king and queen of England and parliament.

**8478** ff. 78r-83v : Panciroli, nuncio in Spain, to Barberini, 21.5.1642 : Sends printed account, in Spanish, of the progress of Irish affairs during 1640 and 1641 (79r-80v).

**8479** f. 15rv : Panciroli to Barberini, 3.9.1642 : Captain Wall was robbed at sea by Captain Francis de Campos ; Wall freed on payment of 400 ducats, but de Campos has 3,000 scudi which he took from the Irish-

man ; Barberini had written the nuncio to have the 3,000 scudi returned to Wall ; nuncio wrote de Campos, but gives little hope of the money being restored.

ff. 35r-36r : Panciroli to Barberini, 1.10.1642 : Says he encloses a note setting forth what measures he has taken in his efforts to recover Wall's money and goods from de Campos ; note missing.

**8487** Documents no. 41 and 42 : Panciroli to Barberini, 27.8.1642 : Will speak to the ministers at Madrid concerning the robbery of Wall by de Campos.

**8500** f. 69rv : Barberini to Panciroli, 28.6.1642 : Nuncio told to do everything possible to have Wall's goods returned to him.

**8506** ff. 57rv : Rospigliosi, nuncio in Spain, to Barberini, 4.7.1648 : Those elected at the Franciscan General Chapter held at Vittoria, 28.6.1648 : an Irish lector of theology one of the definitors-general.

**8581** ff. 43r-44v : Florence Conry to Borghese, Madrid, 17.3.1610 : Appointed by Pope to assist earl of Tyrone in his business ; shortly after his arrival at Madrid sent names of those he wished to have appointed vicar general of Tuam and vicars in the suffragan dioceses ; archbishop of Cashel at Madrid ; persecution feared in Ireland ; asks that nothing new be allowed in ecclesiastical government in Ireland ; concerning a Franciscan who is said to be administering the sacrament of confirmation in Ireland.

**8583** ff. 31r-32r : Franciscus a S. Maria, Irish Franciscan, to Francis Barberini(?), Madrid, 8.10.1640 : Came to Madrid so that he could more easily fulfil the wishes of the cardinal in promoting the interests of Tyrone and Tirconnell with the king of Spain and count de Olivares ; asks cardinal to write to queen of England and Rossetti in his favour ; wishes his faculties to be forwarded.

**8609** Document no. 38 : Guzman, Duke of Medina, to Barberini, 31.1.1669, in favour of Patrick Duffy, Franciscan.

Document no. 65 : Earl of Tyrone to Barberini, Barcelona, 27.7.1669 , Recommends Patrick Duffy, definitor general of the Franciscan order, for the diocese of Armagh.

**8615** f. 96rv : Queen Henrietta Maria to Francis Barberini, 2.4.1644 : Wishes that John Creagh be made coadjutor to the bishop of Limerick. ff. 109rv : Henrietta Maria to Barberini, 21.9.1647 : Recommends Fr. Talbot, Franciscan, who is going to Ireland.

ff. 111r, 112v : Henrietta Maria to Barberini, 26.8.1652 : Recommends George Dillon and Raymond Caron, Franciscans, who have arrived at Paris ; she wishes that they be allowed to remain in Paris, or to occupy themselves elsewhere outside Ireland, as they have been driven out of their native land.



ff. 141r, 142v : Henrietta Maria to Barberini, 1666(?) : In favour of the Franciscans at St. Isidore's.

**8616** ff. 115r-122v : Report presented by Digby, agent of the queen of England at Rome, to Innocent X on the state of Catholicism in England, with references to the political state of Ireland. No date.

ff. 148a(r)-158r : Drafts of a letter of Francis Barberini to the duke of Norfolk about the beginning of 1666, in which the cardinal asks Norfolk to intercede with the king for the Catholics of Ireland.

ff. 161r-162v : Copy, in Italian, of a letter of Norfolk to some English person in Rome concerning the letter he received from Barberini ; references to the Irish. 3.II.1666.

**8618** ff. 24r-25v : Unsigned proposals for procuring liberty of conscience in England, Ireland and Scotland, and for the restoration of the Catholic religion in these countries. No date, but seems to have been written about 1605.

ff. 54r, 55v : Nuncio at Cologne to Maffeo Barberini, 6.2.1610 : Concerning a recommendation by Barberini of Kinan, an Irish priest ; writer tells how he helped Irish students at Cologne, and Irish Franciscans at Louvain.

ff. 72rv, 76v : David Rothe to Maffeo Barberini, 28.2.1611 : Contention among Franciscans in Ireland ; they opposed friar sent by General to make visitation ; all quiet again ; more severe laws against Catholics expected.

ff. 73rv, 75v : Edmund O Mullarkey, Franciscan, to Maffeo Barberini, 18.3.1612 : Has been in Ireland to settle disputes between Franciscans and archbishop of Dublin ; recommends that Franciscan who was in the habit of giving confirmation be punished.

ff. 123r, 128v : Fr. Archangelus, Capuchin, to Maffeo Barberini, 4.II.1617 : Writes from Bologna for faculties to hear confessions of English, Irish and Scots in exile there.

ff. 124r, 127v : Fr. Archangelus to Maffeo Barberini, 4.I.1618 : Requests faculties to grant indulgences to Irish, Scots and English at Bologna.

ff. 129rv, 135v : Fr. Archangelus to Barberini, 11.4.1618 : Seeks special faculties to absolve Irish, Scots and English at Bologna from heresy.

ff. 132r-133v : Fr. Archangelus to Barberini, 20.7.1618 : Reference to faculties for Capuchins in England, Ireland and Scotland.

**8619** ff. 89r-95v : Faculties enjoyed by Francis Barberini as cardinal protector of England, Ireland and Scotland.

f. 97r : O Donnell, earl of Tirconnell, to Urban VIII, 26.5.1626 : Asks that the Pope write to the king of Spain in his favour and in favour of Florence Conry.

f. 98rv : Albert, earl of Tirconnell, to Barberini, 5.4.1633 : Recommends

Ireland to his favour, and requests that bishops be promoted to sees in Ulster and Connacht.

ff. 99r, 100v : Earl of Tyrone to Urban VIII, 16.5.1626 : Asks that the Pope recommend himself, Tirconnell and Florence Conry to the king of Spain.

**8620** f. 21r : Mary Stuart O Donnell to Francis Barberini, 4.3.1631 : Notifies him of her arrival at Genoa, and refers to favours received by her from the Holy See.

ff. 99r-100v : Letter of Augustine Rivers, Basil Norton and Walter Colman, priests, from Newgate prison to Barberini, 14.9.1643, in which they say that money sent them from Rome was shared with some Irish prisoners who are with them in the prison.

ff. 101r-102r : Another copy of the same letter, but with additional signatures. Same date.

ff. 111rv, 112v : Diego de Nochera [James Fitzsimons] to Luke Wadding, 8.4.1644 : Gives an account of the victory of Prince Rupert over the parliamentarians.

f. 182r : Patrick Carey to Barberini, 24.9.1649 : Thanks for favours received.

ff. 199r-200v : Earl of Carlingford to Francis Barberini, 5.8.1673 : Requests that James Taaffe, Franciscan, be allowed to return as chaplain to his family.

**8621** ff. 1r-5r : A catalogue of priests belonging to the English Province of the Society of Jesus. No date.

ff. 19r-22r : Complaints by English Franciscans about Irish Franciscans in England, and particularly about an Irish Franciscan who carried out a visitation there. Three documents, dated January and February, 1662.

**8622** ff. 13r-16v : Proposals, unsigned and undated (but probably 1644), as to how English Catholics could best be helped, and suggestions by Card. Barberini as to how the king of England could get aid through Ireland.

Document no. 25 : Unsigned letter (in Wadding's hand ?) bearing no date (but probably 1645) to Card. Barberini : Writer had audience with the Pope on Irish affairs ; Pope not in favour of sending arms to Ireland, but will give money ; Barberini asked to continue to use his influence with the Pope ; cardinal reminded to proceed with the appointment of four bishops in Ireland ; suggested that Scarampi be given more authority, or that somebody more outstanding and better versed in military affairs be sent to Ireland.

Doc. no. 26 : Thomas Courtney to Barberini, 11.2.1645 : Regiments of the confederate Irish have routed the soldiers of the marquis of Argyll in Scotland ; commissaries sent by Ormond to England have been well

received by the king.

Doc. no. 32 : Courtney to Barberini, 4.3.1646 : Ormond has shown his true colours by breaking all peace agreements with the Catholics, and by imprisoning the earl of Glamorgan.

Doc. no. 39 : Courtney to Barberini, 16.9.1646 : Luke Wadding has shown Courtney a letter of Barberini about affairs in Ireland ; grateful for the cardinal's kindness.

Doc. no. 40 : Courtney to Barberini, 14.10.1646 : Irish affairs must now be given more serious consideration than ever, and help sent ; after so many victories over the parliamentarians etc. they must not now be abandoned ; the king of England and Catholics.

Doc. no. 41 : Courtney to Barberini, 22.10.1646 : Has discussed English and Irish affairs with Digby, and urged on him the need for immediate help for Ireland ; news has come that a split has taken place among the Irish, and that Rinuccini has excommunicated many ; Courtney not in favour of Rinuccini's mode of action ; thinks such measures will wreck the Confederation ; refers to instances of excommunication previously launched in Ireland and in England when more harm than good resulted ; such an action by Rinuccini will lead to desperation on the part of many ; kings of England and France will be most upset by turn of events in Ireland ; meeting of cardinals on Irish affairs held last Thursday, but at that time no word of the split in Ireland had come.

8626 ff. 1rv, 2a(v) : Hugh O Reilly, archbishop of Armagh, to Anthony Barberini, undated : General account of Irish affairs for past two years or so ; called a provincial synod which agreed that the war in Ireland was just, only dissentient being bishop of Meath, who absented himself from the synod.

f. 2r : Fergus, Fantusius, James, and William Ferall, James Dillon, and Patrick Fox to Barberini(?), 20.10.1640 : Concerning promotions to Irish bishoprics, with a request that the new bishop or vicar apostolic of Ardagh be a native of the diocese.

ff. 3r-4v : Oliver Plunket to Francis Barberini(?), 30.5.1671 : Thanks for favours received ; spiritual state of Armagh province better than for many years ; has succeeded in getting a foundation for the Jesuits who hold school ; 150 students study grammar and humanities, and twenty-five priests cases of conscience ; Plunkett accused to viceroy, who, however, rejected the accusations ; Plunkett defended too by Dudley Loftus, vicar general of the Protestant primate ; Loftus wrote to Barberini through Plunket ; suggested that Barberini reply to him.

ff. 5r-6r : Oliver Plunket to Francis Barberini, 27.9.1672 : Thanks for letters and favours ; sorrow of the Irish on death of Anthony Barberini, their protector ; spiritual state of diocese good and the viceroy tolerant.

- f. 7r : Oliver Plunket to Barberini, 13.8.1674 : Recommends Henry Dalton of Armagh province, who has studied philosophy at Paris ; is sending him to the College of Propaganda, Rome.
- f. 8r : Oliver Plunket to Francis Barberini, 12.10.1675 : Recommends Felim O Neill, Franciscan, and son of Felim O Neill and Ludovica Preston, who is going to the General Chapter as custos ; was guardian of Armagh and visitor for Ulster ; asks Barberini to use his influence to have O Neill made definitor general.
- f. 11r : Attestation in favour of Christopher Cusack, signed by Eugene Matthews, archbishop of Dublin, Bonaventure Hussey, Hugh Mac Caughwell and Robert Chamberlain. Louvain, 15.2.1613.
- f. 12r : Anthony Fernandez to Francis Barberini(?), 26.9.1668 : In favour of Peter Talbot, with a recommendation that he be made archbishop of Dublin.
- f. 13rv : Peter Talbot, archbishop of Dublin, to Barberini(?), 20.5.1674 : Laments the fact that the king of England has gone over to the parliament ; praises Sergeant ; Talbot was to go to Ireland, but was advised not to, as such a move would harm Catholics ; protests he never mixed in politics ; has *Litterae ad Hibernos orthodoxos* with the printers.
- f. 16rv : Talbot to Barberini, 23.7.1675 : Concerning books written by Sergeant and theological opinions therein ; parliament to be called in Ireland, and Talbot is advised to postpone his entry till it is over ; thinks that Frs. Beirne and Landy, Dominicans, and intimate friends of Peter Walsh, should be sent out of Ireland.
- ff. 17r-18r : John Sergeant to Barberini, 26.7.1675 : Some of his books have been censured by Rome ; is displeased with Talbot, archbishop of Dublin ; defends himself, and asks that a book he forwards be not given to the archbishop or his associates for examination.
- f. 19r : Talbot to Barberini(?), 13.9.1675 : Concerning books written by Sergeant and theological errors he has found in them.
- ff. 21r-22r : Bonaventure Magennis, bishop of Down and Connor, to Barberini(?), 10.5.1637 : Concerning dispute between himself and Hugh O Reilly of Armagh about apostolic letters presented to Magennis by Edmund Cardelius.
- f. 23rv : Petition of the priests of the diocese of Ferns (eight signatures) to Gregory XV, that Walter Cheevers, Franciscan, be made bishop of Ferns. Ferns, 20.12.1622.
- f. 25r : Patrick Plunket, bishop of Meath, to Barberini(?), 6.8.1669 : Has been bishop of Ardagh for twenty-two years ; asserts loyalty to Holy See and opposition to Peter Walsh, Taaffe, etc.
- f. 27rv : John Brennan, bishop of Waterford, to Barberini, 24.11.1671 : Thanks for favours received ; praises viceroy for his moderation ; lauds



Dudley Loftus, vicar general of the Protestant primate, who is very helpful to Catholics, and who played a part in having many of them set free at the time of Cromwell; at the suggestion of the writer and of Oliver Plunket, Barberini wrote Loftus a letter the year before.

ff. 29r-33v : Instructions by Barberini for Edmund Dwyer, 3.2.1642 : Dwyer is about to go to Ireland to report on the state of affairs there, and to find out how best the Catholics there can be helped; he is to travel in great secrecy, and not to tell his business to anybody except to nuncio in Paris, and to the archbishops, etc., he has been instructed to contact in Ireland; is bringing letters with him.

f. 35r : Edmund Dwyer to Barberini, 4.3.1642 : Is at Avignon; has met nuncio to France and delivered letters; awaits orders from nuncio.

ff. 36r, 39v : Dwyer to Barberini, 12.3.1642 : Nuncio has given him letters for people in Ireland, and money for the trip.

ff. 37rv, 38v : Dwyer to Barberini, from Brittany, 1.4.1642 : Little news of Ireland has reached Brittany lately; his brother has arrived at Rochelle, and Wadding should have heard from him; all Ireland, except Dublin, in hands of Catholics; is leaving by a French ship to-morrow; some Irish soldiers travelling with him; all Brittany is in favour of the Irish cause; eighty officers and men left four days ago for Ireland; difficulty in sending arms.

f. 41rv : Owen O'Neill to the Pope, Brussels, 7.6.1642 : Appeal to help Ireland in her difficulties.

f. 43rv : Mark Rochford, Dominican, Kilkenny, to Barberini(?), 23.8.1644 : Deputies sent to king got no satisfaction; Ormond opposed to archbishop of Dublin; Dublin surrounded by parliament ships; Inchiquin persecutes Catholics in south; Irish fighting against Scots in north; dioceses of Ferns, Kildare and Ardagh vacant.

f. 45r : Scarampi to Barberini, Waterford, 20.4.1644 : Continues to use his influence with Irish bishops in favour of Capuchins; except for foundation at Limerick, Capuchins go about the country in ones and twos and live in secular houses; disinclination on part of bishops to allow new foundations, as well as opposition on the part of the regular clergy, are main difficulties facing Capuchins; suggests they be brought together in two houses.

f. 46r : Scarampi to Barberini, 20.11.1644 : In favour of Richard Bellings, who is setting out for Rome to see Pope.

f. 47rv : Scarampi to Barberini, 28.10.1645 : Rinuccini has arrived in Ireland; Scarampi seeks permission to return to Italy; carried to Limerick, as he was unable to ride; had been refused entrance to the city two years before.

ff. 51r, 52v : Dermicius O'Mallun to the Pope seeking a recommendation

to the king of Spain ; O Mallun's ancestors lost much for the faith, as he did himself ; came to continent as a youth, and got degrees at Douai. No date.

f. 53rv : Richard Stanihurst, Brussels, to (?), 15.2.1613 : In favour of Christopher Cusack, John Roche and Thomas(?) Shelton.

f. 55rv : Nicholas Eustace, rector of Antwerp seminary, to Barberini(?), 14.10.1658 : Has been rector for twenty years ; seven priests and four students there ; gets no financial support from Ireland ; two more priests expected shortly ; debts to be paid ; danger seminary may have to be sold to meet them ; request that Propaganda send money.

ff. 56r, 61v : Thomas MacMorris, abbot of Mayo, applies to the Pope for a recommendation to the king of Spain.

ff. 57r, 60v : Alleged that earl of Tyrone used to have a certain income from Mgr. Paolini every month ; the unnamed writer asks Pope to enquire into the source of this report, as it is not true, and might harm Tyrone. No date.

ff. 58r, 59v : Tyrone and Tirconnell to Urban VIII asking that the king of Spain be petitioned to intercede for them with the king of England, so that they might be allowed to return to Ireland ; Florence Conry, their agent, is to be commended to king of Spain also.

ff. 62r, 66v : Roche de Cruce, Dominican, Louvain, to internuncio at Brussels, 26.4.1629 : Protests his unworthiness to fill the see of Kildare, but accepts the appointment.

f. 63rv : Francis Nugent, Capuchin, to Barberini(?), 4.7.1622 : Complains that a book against the king of England has been written by Irish priest, Philip O Sullivan ; its publication would react unfavourably on Irish Catholics.

ff. 64r-65v : Francis Nugent to Barberini, 26.10.1625 : His efforts to forward the interests of the Irish Capuchins, especially as regards the placing of students in suitable places outside Ireland.

ff. 67r, 72v : Francis Nugent to Barberini, undated : Requests that permission and faculties be granted him to reconcile non-Catholics from England, Ireland and Scotland.

ff. 68rv, 71v : Fr. Peter, Capuchin, to Barberini, 12.9.1653 : When passing through England, met a distinguished gentleman of that country who gave him letters in favour of the Catholics for the agents of the various Catholic governments at London ; same gentleman told him of the miserable state of the English clergy, and asked Fr. Peter to send copies of the letters to Barberini, which he does. Letters missing.

ff. 69r, 70v : John Preston and Peter Walsh, Franciscans, to Barberini, Turin, 8.11.1655 : Studies finished, are about to go to Ireland ; seek permission to visit Loreto and Rome.

f. 73rv : Unsigned, undated : Irish Franciscan provincial murdered ; impossible to hold chapter ; minister general appointed superiors for the province ; Card. Albizzi, not knowing of appointments made by general, appointed others ; confusion ; recommendation that those appointed by general be accepted.

ff. 74r-75r : Hilary a S. Augustino, Discalced Carmelite, to Barberini(?), 15.3.1642 : Petitions help in arms and money for Ireland ; all sections united ; five thousand Scots coming ; religion practised freely ; if Irish be successful, hopes they might bring England back to Catholic faith too ; has also written king of Spain for help ; England warns Spain not to allow Irish soldiers home ; writer has been in communication with Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, who is most enthusiastic to help ; archbishop of Malines sending aid.

f. 77rv : Copy of letter from Mountgarrett to Wadding, 7.4.1642 : Fear of the Puritans ; sympathy with the king and queen of England ; need of help for Ireland stressed.

ff. 78r-79r : Fr. John Callaghan to Wadding(?), 4.7.1642 : Things going well in Ireland ; two merchants gone to Galway with powder ; Richard Plunket with two Jesuits arrived lately ; Gregory French has written to Pope and cardinals for help ; Wadding asked to procure arms ; Pope to be asked to use his influence to get Butler, Preston, etc., to go to Ireland ; O'Neill already on the way home.

f. 81rv : Unsigned copy of a letter from Barberini(?) to Michael Wall, Geoffrey Baron and Matthew Hartegan, 10.8.1642, thanking them for letters received, promising assistance, and praising constancy of the Irish Catholics.

f. 82rv : Unsigned letter of Barberini(?) to Hartegan, 10.8.1642 : Same as preceding.

ff. 83r-85r : Points worthy of consideration by the German princes concerning the war in Ireland. 1643.

f. 89r : John Heslenan, Franciscan, to Agapito Colorsi, secretary to Barberini, 8.1.1658 : News concerning Palermo and Milan ; reference to Fr. Galvia, who is trying to become guardian of St. Isidore's.

ff. 90r, 95v : Heslenan to Colorsi, 12.1.1658 : Commends Geronimo Vorriol, Franciscan, who wishes to go on mission to Holland.

ff. 91r, 94v : Heslenan to Colorsi, 7.10.1658 : Has sent an Italian Franciscan to see Barberini ; expresses gratitude to cardinal for favours received.

ff. 92r-93v : A short tract by Maurice MacBrehun on the immortality of the soul.

**8628** f. 22rv : Suggestion by anonymous writer that Irish Franciscans be sent on mission to Scotland. Undated.

**8630** ff. 138r-139r : King of Spain to nuncio in Spain, 30.11.1623 : Concerning proposed marriage between prince of Wales and the Infanta Maria, with copy of a letter from Marques de la Hinojosa containing reference to Ireland.

ff. 147r-148v : Captain Thomas Talbot to nuncio in Spain(?), 26.7.1623 : Sends translations, in Spanish, of letters or portions of letters of his brother, William Talbot, to William de Spirito Sancto, Dominican, at Madrid ; of a letter to the countess of Kildare ; of a letter of William Talbot to Robert Netterville, Jesuit, at Lisbon. All belong to the year 1623, and have general references to the state of religion in Ireland.

f. 184r : Despatch from Madrid to Rome, 26.8.1623 : Reference to Ireland.

ff. 193r-196r : Vanmala, Spanish representative, London, to someone unnamed, 16.2.1624 : Spanish translation of edict against the clergy in Ireland, with an accompanying letter which treats generally of religious and political matters in Ireland and England.

ff. 199rv, 200rv : Undated and unsigned memorial to Urban VIII asking that Card. Anthony Barberini be sent to Madrid to conclude the marriage between prince of Wales and Infanta Maria, with passing reference to Ireland.

**8633** ff. 83r-89r : Gregory Panzani to Barberini, London, 19.1.1635 : Reference to the Irish and oath to be taken to the king (87r).

ff. 100r-104r : Panzani to Barberini, 26.1.1635 : Reference to form of oath for England, Ireland and France (100r).

f. 171r : Panzani to Barberini, 25.2.1635 : Recommends Richard, earl of Westmeath, who is going to Loreto and Rome.

ff. 216r-224v : Panzani to Barberini, 9.3.1635 : Earl of Westmeath on his way to Loreto and Rome (221r).

ff. 246r-253r : Panzani to Barberini, 16.3.1635 : Reference to the creation of bishops in Ireland (250v).

ff. 310rv : Panzani to Barberini, 13.4.1635 : Mention of Francis Slingsby, Irishman.

ff. 341r-345r : Panzani to Barberini, 20.4.1635 : An Irish priest, recently ordained in France, has arrived in London and has begun to hear confessions of Irish there ; on applying for permission to continue this work, was refused ; difficulties with vicar general (344r-345r).

f. 347r : Barberini to Panzani, 25.4.1635 : Earl of Westmeath has reached Rome.

**8642** f. 55r : Barberini to George Conn, 23.1.1638 : Raymond Barry, an Irishman, wishes to visit shrines in Italy, but has not got permission from the king ; Conn asked to help him.

f. 77rv : Copy of letter patent of Laurence FitzHarris, abbot of B. Maria



de Surio, diocese of Lismore, to Gerard Purcell, abbot of B. Maria de Lege Dei, diocese of Leighlin, giving him authority over all Cistercian houses in territory subject to the crown of England. 20.9.1633.

ff. 77v-78v : Copy of a sentence, signed by Archer, abbot of Holy Cross, and other Irish Cistercians, given in connection with accusations made against Gerard Purcell, abbot of B. Maria de Lege Dei. Kilkenny, 21.6.1633.

ff. 84r-90v : George Conn to Barberini(?), 12.2.1638 : The Spanish ambassador in London has given him charge of the affairs of the Irish abbot and of those other priests who say Mass in the ambassador's chapel (90r).

f. 174r : Conn to Barberini (?), 23.4.1638 : Concerning an Irishman recommended to him by the cardinal.

ff. 194r-199r : Conn to (?), 7.5.1638 : Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Purgatory strictly forbidden for some years past ; king not expected to revoke the prohibition, but queen will write to the viceroy in Ireland to allow the pilgrimage (194r).

ff. 214r-217v : Conn to (?), 21.5.1638 : Queen to write to the viceroy about the Lough Derg pilgrimage ; expected her request will be granted (214r).

**8647** ff. 10r-13v : Carlo Rossetti, papal representative at London, to Barberini(?), 2.3.1640 : Praises a Dominican priest, de Burgo (13rv).

ff. 25r-30r : Rossetti to Barberini(?), 9.3.1640 : Vain attempt by Puritans to suppress religion in Ireland ; edict issued some years ago forbidding burials in monasteries in Ireland, and allowing them only in parish graveyards ; people much annoyed at this ; attempt now being made to get the king to issue proclamation against regular clergy in Ireland and England ; Rossetti has been asked to intercede with the queen so that decree might not be issued (25rv).

ff. 62r-66v : Rossetti to Barberini(?), 23.3.1640 : Parliament to be held in Ireland ; viceroy and Toby Matthew gone there ; both friendly with Jesuits (62v-63r).

ff. 126r-129r : Rossetti to Barberini(?), 20.4.1640 : Concerning dispute between Calced and Discalced Carmelites in Ireland about foundations ; some Discalced Carmelites asked Rossetti to write to an Irish bishop in their favour, but as the matter was being examined in Rome, he told them to await a decision from there (126rv).

ff. 277r-282v : Rossetti to Barberini(?), 8.6.1640 : The marchioness of Winchester in favour of Thomas de Burgo, Dominican (282r).

ff. 381r-384r : Rossetti to Barberini, 6.7.1640 : Irish priest imprisoned in London ; Rossetti making every effort to have him released (381r-383r).

ff. 386r-387r : Rossetti to Barberini, 6.7.1640 : Résumé of preceding (386v).

**8648 (Part I)** ff. 10r-11r : Carlo Rossetti to Francis Barberini, 3.8.1640 : Irish priest, on way from England to Ireland, captured by Puritans ; Rossetti intercedes with queen for him.

ff. 35r-37v : Rossetti to Barberini, 10.8.1640 : Irish priest in question has been set free (37v).

ff. 120r-127r : Rossetti to Barberini, 7.9.1640 : References to viceroy of Ireland (124r-125v).

f. 132r : Holy Office(?) to Rossetti, 8.9.1640 : Some Irish priests destined by Congregation of Propaganda for mission in Ireland, stop in London and reside there ; they are to proceed to Ireland ; otherwise their faculties suspended.

ff. 133r-134v : Barberini to Rossetti, 8.9.1640 : Praises him for his intervention on behalf of Irish priest arrested by Puritans (133r).

f. 178rv : Barberini to Rossetti, 22.9.1640 : Irish Capuchin mission will be discussed at next meeting of Congregation of Propaganda (178v).

ff. 194r-195r : Rossetti to Barberini, 28.9.1640 : An Irish priest, who lived in the queen's house, imprisoned by the king on the accusation of a woman.

ff. 218r-219v : Rossetti to Barberini, 5.10.1640 : Petitions by Conte di S. Albano, and by the marchioness of Winchester that Dominic de Burgo, Dominican, be made bishop of Killala or Achonry.

f. 220r : In favour of Dominic de Burgo. 12.8.1640.

f. 223r : Barberini to Rossetti, 6.10.1640 : In favour of Henry Slingsby, Irish Catholic.

**8648 (Part II)** f. 268r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.10.1640 : Is carrying out his orders concerning Irish priests who stop at London on way home.

ff. 324r-325r : Rossetti to Barberini, 2.11.1640 : Is seeing to it that the Irish priests move on to Ireland ; has received recommendation in favour of Dominic de Burgo.

ff. 342r-347r : Rossetti to Barberini, 9.11.1640 : References to viceroy of Ireland (343r, 346r).

ff. 382r-386r : Rossetti to Barberini, 23.11.1640 : Viceroy in prison ; defends himself against accusations (382rv).

ff. 393r-395v : Rossetti to Barberini, 23.11.1640 : Concerning Slingsby, Irishman (395v).

ff. 436r-439v : Rossetti to Barberini, 7.12.1640 : Case against viceroy of Ireland (436v).

ff. 456r-457r : Rossetti to Barberini, 14.12.1640 : King trying to save viceroy, but it is expected he will be put to death (456v).

ff. 460r-462r : Barberini to Rossetti, 15.12.1640 : Letters from the queen

to the viceroy used in evidence against him (461v, 462r).

ff. 481r-482r : Rossetti to Barberini, 21.12.1640 : Viceroy in strict confinement ; commissaries from Irish Catholics meet the king ; their demands (482r).

ff. 502r-503r : Rossetti to Barberini, 28.12.1640 : Demands by commissaries from Irish Catholics (502v).

**8649** ff. 18r-19v : Barberini to Rossetti, 5.1.1641 : Surprised that viceroy should be imprisoned without the king's consent (18r).

ff. 27r-30r : Rossetti to Barberini, 11.1.1641 : An Irishman, who is well informed about the viceroy, has been sent to prison in London (29r).

ff. 66r-68r : Rossetti to Barberini, 18.1.1641 : Puritans and viceroy (66r) ; alleged that public practice of religion takes place in Ireland (67v, 68r).

f. 88rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 25.1.1641 : Synod to be called in England to establish religion there ; Protestant archbishop of Armagh to be head of synod (88r).

ff. 166r-167v : Rossetti to Barberini, 15.2.1641 : Puritans push on case against viceroy (167v).

ff. 185r-187v : Rossetti to Barberini, 22.2.1641 : Plans of king concerning viceroy of Ireland (187r).

ff. 229r-232r : Rossetti to Barberini, 8.3.1641 : King endeavours to save life of viceroy (229v).

ff. 315r-318r : Rossetti to Barberini, 29.3.1641 : Case of viceroy ; little chance of his life being saved (316v, 317r).

f. 350rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 12.4.1641 : Case of viceroy ; his fate in the balance (350v).

ff. 373r-375v : Rossetti to Barberini, 12.4.1641 : King and queen working feverishly to save viceroy (373r).

ff. 393r-394r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.4.1641 : Case of viceroy discussed in parliament (393r).

ff. 403r-404v : Barberini to Rossetti(?), 20.4.1641 : Sorry that Essex is to become viceroy in Ireland ; will not favour Catholicism (403r-403v).

ff. 412r-413r : Rossetti to Barberini, 26.4.1641 : King and Puritans in struggle to save viceroy (412rv).

ff. 431r-436r : Rossetti to Barberini, 3.5.1641 : Upper and Lower Houses in dispute concerning viceroy (435v-436r).

ff. 452r-459r : Rossetti to Barberini, 10.5.1641 : Irish army to be disbanded and Catholics disarmed (458r) ; trial of viceroy drawing to close (459r).

ff. 487r-488r : Rossetti to Barberini, 24.5.1641 : King forced to disband Irish army, and is deprived of his power over the navy (487v-488r).

ff. 497r-499r : Rossetti to Barberini, 24.5.1641 : Viceroy condemned to death ; king forced to sign sentence (497r).

ff. 530r-532v : Rossetti to Barberini, 31.5.1641 : Spanish ambassador, London, wants Irish troops for the king of Spain ; it is said Spain will get 6,000 Irish troops, and France 3,000 ; Essex declared viceroy in Ireland (531v-532r).

**8650 (Part I)** f. 2rv : Barberini to Rossetti, 1.6.1641 : Death of viceroy an infringement of royal authority.

ff. 5r-8v : Rossetti to Barberini, 14.6.1641 : King would give liberty of conscience to Irish Catholics for financial assistance etc. (5r).

ff. 67r-68r : Proposals made to both Houses of Parliament 4.7.1641 : Among them, that no Irishman be allowed to be a member of the queen's household, and that access of Irishmen to Court be banned ; same for English and Scottish priests.

ff. 74r-81r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.7.1641 Praise for Fr. Egidio, French Franciscan ; is teaching at Oxford, and friendly with Protestant archbishop of Armagh, who, it is alleged, is very favourable to Catholics ; thought that the archbishop might be made a Catholic by the Franciscan ; archbishop could then reside in Rome.

f. 132r : Latin translation of protestations of Protestant bishops in Ireland against toleration of Catholicism.

ff. 133r-134v : Barberini to Rossetti, 10.8.1641 : Concerning Fr. Egidio and leanings towards Catholicism of Protestant archbishop of Armagh, and plans to give him a yearly allowance of two thousand scudi if he happens to become a Catholic (133v-134r).

ff. 158r-160r : Rossetti to Barberini, 24.8.1641 : No further news of the archbishop of Armagh ; has gone to Scotland with the king (159v).

ff. 176r-177v : Rossetti to Barberini, 7.9.1641 : Four thousand Irish troops allowed to enter Spanish service (176r).

f. 195rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 14.9.1641 : Has got letter from Fr. Egidio saying archbishop of Armagh still likely to become Catholic (195v).

**8650 (Part II)** ff. 231r-232r : Barberini to Rossetti, 5.10.1641 : Suggestions concerning Ussher, archbishop of Armagh (231v-232r).

f. 240r : Barberini to Rossetti, 12.10.1641 : An obedience for Fr. Egidio concerning the archbishop of Armagh.

ff. 253r-255v : Rossetti (now nuncio extraordinary at Cologne) to Barberini, 27.10.1641 : Armagh still favours Catholicism ; sends book by Henry Spellman which he got from Ussher's library (255r).

ff. 299r-300v : Barberini to Rossetti, 16.11.1641 : Glad to hear Armagh is of unchanged mind (299v-300r).

f. 364rv : Concerning a plot by the Jesuits and clergy in Ireland to kill the two chief justices ; Italian translation of the account as given in the House of Commons, 1.11.1641.

f. 368r : Barberini(?) to Rossetti, 7.12.1641 : Reference to ten thousand



Irish troops to be raised by the king of Spain.

f. 378rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 8.12.1641 : Mention of insurrection in Ireland (378r).

f. 399rv : Barberini(?) to Rossetti, 14.12.1641 : Two passing references to Irish revolt.

ff. 411r-414v : Rossetti to Barberini, 15.12.1641 : Count Zappata, Spanish minister at Cologne, has visited him and discussed Irish revolt, and has suggested that the Pope send forces into Ireland ; Rossetti mentioned the trouble with Parma as hindering such a move on part of Holy See.

ff. 419r-420v : Rossetti to Barberini, 15.12.1641 : Irish army advancing ; rumour that Dublin is besieged (419r, 420v).

ff. 423r-425v : Rossetti to Barberini, 15.12.1641 : Accusations against Fr. Philip, confessor to the queen, who is in Tower of London ; reference to letter of Pope to Catholics in England, Ireland and Scotland ; short account of progress of affairs in Ireland.

ff. 426r-427r : Barberini to Rossetti, 21.12.1641 : Refers to Irish war ; help from Spain needed ; otherwise, Irish will have to surrender (426r).

ff. 458r-459r : Rossetti to Barberini, 29.12.1641 : Irish army making progress ; hopes that all will be settled as soon as king grants liberty of conscience.

**8651.** ff. 2r-3v : Barberini to Rossetti, nuncio extraordinary at Cologne, 4.1.1642 : In reference to discussion on Irish affairs between Zappata and Rossetti, suggests that Spain is in better position to help Ireland than Holy See ; Irish nobles holding aloof ; motives of Irish uncertain ; necessary to know who is leading the insurrection and whether the insurgents are against king or parliament, or both, and what arms they need.

ff. 5r-6v : Barberini to Rossetti, 4.1.1642 : Passing reference to insurrection (5r).

ff. 19r-20v : Barberini to Rossetti, 11.1.1642 : Passing reference to Ireland in connection with English affairs (19r).

ff. 21r-23r : Barberini to Rossetti, 11.1.1642 : Suggestions concerning help for Irish army.

ff. 33r-34v : Rossetti to Barberini, 12.1.1642 : Marginal note by Barberini(?) in which Ireland is mentioned (33v).

ff. 37r-39r : Rossetti to Barberini, 12.1.1642 : Cruelty of Catholic insurgents to Protestants stressed in London ; priests in prison in London deny any connection with Irish rising ; Dillon sent to interview king (38v-39r).

ff. 58r-61r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.1.1642 : Representative of king of England at Brussels has discussed Irish affairs with Rossetti ; said Irish army was advancing ; insurgents will probably take Dublin, and

then demand freedom of conscience from king ; king ready to grant it (58r).

ff. 62r-64r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.1.1642 : Most of the nobility of the Pale have joined in the insurrection ; Dublin expected to fall ; news from Ireland causing alarm in English parliament ; suggestion that 10,000 Scots be sent into Ireland (62rv).

f. 77r : Rossetti to Barberini, 26.1.1642 : Dillon arrested, and imprisoned twelve miles from London.

ff. 90r-93r : Rossetti to Barberini, 26.1.1642 : Richelieu and proposed help for Ireland (90r) ; Irish military men going home from France and Flanders ; if king granted freedom of conscience in Ireland, he could get peace there, and then use the Irish army against his enemies in England ; Irish army advancing ; earl of Westmeath and three other nobles have joined ; soon hope to take Dublin (91v-92r).

ff. 98r-99r : Barberini to Rossetti, 1.2.1642 : Manifesto of Irish insurgents pleases him ; remarks on it (98rv).

ff. 106r-108r : Rossetti to Barberini, 2.2.1642 : Dublin taken, except castle ; Irish army now said to number 60,000 ; nobles join ; five hundred English Protestants said to have had the sign of the cross burned on their foreheads and then expelled (107rv).

ff. 113r-120r : Rossetti to Barberini, 2.2.1642 : English, Scotch and Irish affairs, with an Italian version of a proclamation of the king against the Irish insurgents (117v-120r).

ff. 133r-142v : Rossetti to Barberini, 2.2.1642 : Has been talking with Zappata, Spanish minister, about Ireland ; not definitely known whether Irish are against king or parliament ; Spain has too much on hands to help Ireland, and, besides, fears drawing on herself the displeasure of England ; Rossetti insists Spain should help ; Zappata thinks Pope should (138r-141r) ; commissary of Irish Franciscans in Flanders said to have knowledge of Irish affairs (142v).

f. 144r : Barberini to Rossetti, 8.2.1642 : Edmund Dwyer, agent of the Irish clergy in Rome, has left for Ireland.

ff. 168r-171r : Rossetti to Barberini, 9.2.1642 : Trying his best to induce the authorities in Flanders to sanction help for Ireland ; for this purpose will use the good offices of the chaplain to the Marquis de Velada, who, in turn, will intercede with de Mello, the governor ; however, approval must come from Spain ; money scarce ; Zappata has written to Flanders and Spain concerning his talks with Rossetti about help for Ireland (168rv).

ff. 174r-177v : Barberini to Rossetti, 15.2.1642 : No hope of help from Richelieu for Ireland ; Irish in dire need of money, ships and men ; soldiers expected to go home from France and Flanders ; Holy See and help ; Pope unable to bear heavy expenses (174rv).

ff. 186r-188r : Barberini to Rossetti, 22.2.1642 : Doubts if he will be able to help Ireland, as he must be ready to give aid to England, where the need is greater ; suggestion that queen go to Ireland ; good idea if some Irish soldiers attacked in Scotland as diversionary measure ; some leading personalities from Flanders should go to Ireland to help.

ff. 199r-205r : Rossetti to Barberini, 23.2.1642 : Help for Ireland, and connection between Irish war and king of England. Marginal notes by Barberini (199r-201v).

ff. 221r-226v : Rossetti to Barberini, 2.3.1642 : Ireland should be made strong, as Puritans would then hesitate about attacking her ; emperor and duke of Bavaria mentioned in connection with help for Ireland (224r-225r).

ff. 239r-241v : Rossetti to Barberini, 9.3.1642 : Three thousand muskets being sent to Ireland by authorities in Flanders, but, because of fear of England, it is purposely said they are destined for Spain ; any help given must be in secret ; duke of Bavaria should help too ; Ireland and the Puritans.

ff. 243r-246r : Rossetti to Barberini, 9.3.1642 : Dwyer's mission to Ireland no longer a secret ; had discussion about help for Ireland with French ambassador (243rv).

ff. 248r-249v : Barberini to Rossetti, 15.3.1642 : Grimaldi, nuncio at Paris, reports Irish leaving France to serve homeland ; Bellings to go to Ireland to have consultations with leaders about help needed etc. ; Edmund Dwyer at Paris on way to Ireland ; Grimaldi gives Dwyer instructions ; Hugh de Burgo and Wadding in correspondence about arms for Ireland ; Flemish merchant promises to carry the arms ; Barberini thinks Grimaldi should proceed with his plans to aid Irish, but he is to help de Burgo too, and employ him to buy arms ; Anthony and Francis Barberini have given 20,000 thalers to buy arms for Ireland ; Rossetti to work in secret ; Pope short of money.

ff. 264r-267r : Rossetti to Barberini, 16.3.1642 : Fr. Soria, Dominican, who was chaplain to Marchese Velada, Spanish ambassador in London, says Spaniards in Flanders are to give aid to Irish, and that some ships laden with arms for England were driven on to Irish coast, but others deny this ; Soria changed to Vienna ; Rossetti hopes he will arouse interest in Irish affairs there ; hopes to get Francis de Mello, governor in Flanders, to send help to Ireland ; news that Confederate army has taken Dublin and that unity exists among all sections.

ff. 300r-302v : Rossetti to Barberini, 23.3.1642 : Has had talks with the Prince Elector concerning Ireland and the great need of arms for the army there ; prince of opinion that duke of Bavaria, king of Spain and Emperor should unite against Puritans in England and Ireland ; Rossetti

spoke also with bishop of Osnabruck and Baron d'Olincoen.

ff. 306r-317v : Rossetti to Barberini, 30.3.1642 : English affairs ; queen and Capuchins ; if Puritans continue to persecute Catholics so severely, Pope will need to help Ireland ; Confederate troops progressing ; 900,000 said to have signed on to defend the country ; Antrim said to have crossed to Scotland with 12,000 soldiers ; citizens of London have given one million pounds to Parliament for war in Ireland on condition the lands etc. of the insurgents are given to the subscribers *in perpetuum* when insurrection is quelled ; measures being taken in England to oppose Irish more effectively ; hope that help from England will be too late ; queen and her departure from England (315v-317v).

ff. 327r-330v : Barberini to Rossetti, 5.4.1642 : Great secrecy necessary in measures to help Ireland in case Puritans become more violently hostile to Catholics as a result of papal interference ; Hugh de Burgo, in communication with Wadding, has stressed need of arms, and says there is a merchant in Flanders who will bring them over ; Barberini has sent 20,000 thalers to Grimaldi, nuncio at Paris, so that he and de Burgo can buy arms ; reference to Stravio's plan ; Barberini forwards duplicate of four bills of exchange for 11,000 thalers payable to de Burgo at the instance of Wadding ; Stravio, internuncio at Brussels, hopes for contributions from clergy of Flanders ; the money sent by Barberini not to be used till result of Stravio's collection is known ; business concerning the money to be done very secretly, and financial transactions to be done in Wadding's name ; Rossetti to avoid all suspicion of being friendly with de Burgo in case of discovery ; to keep himself in background ; Rossetti to keep in touch with Grimaldi about the purchase of arms ; gives outline of his reply to Stravio, who is most anxious to help Ireland ; war with Parma eating up papal resources ; according to de Burgo, Spain has refused to help ; Rossetti to confer with the abbot of S. Anastasia concerning proposed collection for Ireland among clergy of Flanders.

ff. 345r-348v : Rossetti to Barberini, 6.4.1642 : Concerning queen and Catholics ; she has been accused of being responsible for the trouble in Ireland (345rv) ; alleged that Pope asked France and Spain to place 8,000 troops at the service of Ireland ; queen regarded as suspect, as it is alleged she knew of such plans (346rv) ; Confederates said to be in possession of all strongholds, except three, and to have asked concessions from the king (346v) ; affairs in England ; question of toleration for Irish Catholics.

ff. 353r-354r : Barberini to Rossetti, 12.4.1642 : Ireland and Spanish help ; need for arms, and, especially, ships ; events in Ireland in relation to Scotland ; Rossetti to find out the true sentiments of the king and queen concerning Irish and English affairs.



ff. 363r-370r : Rossetti to Barberini, 13.4.1642 : Among a series of accusations made by parliament against king are some concerning Ireland, e.g., Irish rebels are helped by English Catholics in connivance with king, and English nobles of the Pale oppose parliament and support king (363v-364r).

f. 371r : Opinions expressed in parliament concerning the proposed journey of the king to Ireland ; parliament opposed to the idea. 13.4.1642.

ff. 374r-375r : Barberini to Rossetti, 19.4.1642 : Queen, king and Irish affairs.

ff. 385r-388r : Rossetti to Barberini, 20.4.1642 : Rossetti has been discussing Irish affairs with Baron d'Olincoen ; Irish, king and parliament ; Pope not inclined to help Irish openly, as he fears Catholics would be more severely persecuted as a result ; d'Olincoen speaks of possibility of procuring help for Ireland from king of Denmark (386v-388r).

f. 393rv : Barberini to Rossetti, 26.4.1642 : Queen and English affairs ; Irish news satisfactory ; suggestions about the spending of 10,000 scudi for arms for Ireland ; refers to Irish troops and Scotland.

ff. 405r-408v : Rossetti to Barberini, 27.4.1642 : Has been discussing Irish affairs with Baron d'Olincoen and with Prince Elector ; prince said he had heard arms had been sent to Ireland from Flanders, and that he had told the ministers of the Imperial Court to actively engage themselves in promoting the interests of Ireland, and so make the advance of the Puritans in England and Ireland as difficult as possible ; Rossetti stressed need of help for Ireland, and the prince agreed, but said he hoped the Pope would give aid too ; Ireland should be helped by Spain, by the emperor and by duke of Bavaria, as it was in the interests of these countries to see that the Puritans were defeated ; was suggested that the queen and the Irish catholics should work together ; to avoid drawing England's displeasure on themselves, the king of Spain and the Emperor could give arms etc. to the duke of Bavaria, who cares nothing for the threats of the English parliament, and he could have such help passed on to Ireland ; others, including the Pope, could send aid in same way ; Rossetti said the Pope did not want to create a cleavage in the Irish front by sending help openly to the Catholics, and, besides, the Pope had the war with Parma on his hands ; suggested that representatives of the queen and of the Irish meet in discussion.

ff. 423r-427v : Rossetti to Barberini, 27.4.1642 : Refers to instructions given by Barberini concerning the acquisition of arms for Ireland ; wrote to the nuncio at Brussels to find out how the collection among clergy in Flanders, proposed by Stravio, was succeeding ; instructions given to Rossetti by Barberini concerning de Burgo and need of absolute secrecy ; abbot of S. Anastasia to be secret intermediary between Rossetti and

de Burgo in the transfer of money sent by Barberini ; de Burgo to get a merchant who will bring the arms to Ireland ; reference to threat of English parliament that if any ships bring help to Ireland from Spanish territory it will be regarded as act of hostility on part of Spain ; help from Spain not likely ; affairs of the queen.

f. 432rv : Barberini to Rossetti, 3.5.1642 : Great need of arms for Ireland ; Fr. Hilary a S. Agostino has discussed with the archbishop of Malines the question of sending 10,000 muskets.

ff. 439r-441r : Rossetti to Barberini, 4.5.1642 : English affairs ; Irish Confederates said to have killed 1,400, and to have besieged Drogheda ; need of unity among Irish.

ff. 450r-452r : Rossetti to Barberini, 4.5.1642 : Affairs in Germany ; Rossetti and the Prince Elector discuss Ireland ; question of help from Spain ; danger the English parliament might break off peaceful relations with Spain ; help could be given to the duke of Bavaria who would forward it to Ireland ; essential that help be sent quickly.

ff. 465r-466r : Barberini to Rossetti, 10.5.1642 : Nuncio to France fears disunion among Irish leaders ; Preston going to Ireland ; Hugh de Burgo awaiting money to get arms to Ireland ; has a frigate ready.

ff. 469r-472r : Rossetti to Barberini, 11.5.1642 : Stravio has written to Rossetti from Liege concerning clergy of Flanders and help for Ireland ; all, except the archbishop of Malines, asked that they be excused from contributing anything (469r) ; English catholics and help for them.

f. 488rv : Barberini to Rossetti, 13.5.1642 : Need of arms in Ireland ; Rossetti told to spend the 10,000 scudi as he considers best, but let it be spent usefully ; told to consult de Burgo.

ff. 490r-491v : Barberini to Rossetti, 17.5.1642 : Refers to Rossetti's talks with the Prince Elector and Olincoen on Irish affairs ; Barberini does not expect their suggestions will bear much fruit ; tells Rossetti to spend the 11,000 thalers without waiting for contribution from clergy in Flanders ; speed necessary in obtaining the arms ; fill the frigate, which de Burgo has at Dunkirk, with arms, and get it away to Ireland quickly ; Grimaldi to forward money to de Burgo.

ff. 517r-520v : Rossetti to Barberini, 18.5.1642 : English affairs and queen ; suggested help for English Catholics without drawing further persecution on them, and without estranging the Irish non-Catholic element ; Austria, Bavaria and the war in Ireland ; ideas of the Bavarians concerning help for Ireland ; affairs of the queen.

f. 531r : Barberini to Rossetti, 24.5.1642 : De Burgo has written to him concerning the collection among the Flanders clergy which was proposed by Stravio ; Barberini urges Rossetti to send help to Ireland at all costs, and speedily ; Irish will, probably, later pass into England and Scotland

to help the king ; Rossetti is to spend whatever money he has to procure arms ; Pope is giving 3,000 scudi more for the purchase of arms.

ff. 540r-543r : Rossetti to Barberini, 25.5.1642 : English affairs ; Irish have a good quantity of arms, and at Cologne Rossetti is urging the Bavarians to send more ; Fr. Philip, chaplain to the queen, and discussions about help for English Catholics ; further news awaited of efforts to help Irish and English ; queen to get 30,000 scudi from Rome ; good results hoped for from insurrection in Ireland.

ff. 559r-561r : Barberini to Rossetti, 31.5.1642 : Directions concerning the handing over of money to Hugh de Burgo ; reference to contribution by archbishop of Malines ; Rossetti to advise de Burgo as to how to spend the money ; powder, arms, or ships to be bought ; strict secrecy to be observed ; queen says king will not grant freedom of conscience to Irish Catholics ; position of queen in relation to Irish affairs (559rv).

**8653 (Part I)** f. 48r : Barberini to Rossetti, 31.1.1643 : Henrietta Maria and Ireland.

ff. 50r-51v : Rossetti to Barberini, 1.2.1643 : Priest residing in Cologne has told him Hugh de Burgo has been deputed by the Irish to seek help from the German princes, and that other agents are going from Ireland to France and Spain (50v).

ff. 103r-104v : Rossetti to Barberini, 1.3.1643 : Has got word from de Burgo at Dunkirk that money from Rome has reached him ; de Burgo also reports advance of Irish army (104rv).

f. 120rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 15.3.1643 : De Burgo has spent 2,000 thalers on a cannon which is ready for despatch to Ireland ; Puritans routed in Ireland ; king sends Thomas de Burgo to Ireland to treat with the Confederates ; Hugh de Burgo has received a letter from Ireland for the Prince Elector of Cologne.

ff. 131r-132r : Rossetti to Barberini, 22.3.1643 : Reference to an attempt on the life of an Irishman (131r).

f. 133r : Barberini to Rossetti, 28.3.1643 : Good wishes for the success of Irish affairs.

ff. 161r-163v : Rossetti to Barberini, 12.4.1643 : Reported that parliament have sent two deputies to Ireland to administer the oath there to those English in charge of fortresses and cities (163r).

ff. 175r-176r : Rossetti to Barberini, 19.4.1643 : De Burgo has written to him to say seventeen frigates had reached Wexford, with Henry O'Neill, Farrell etc. on board ; Irish captured British ships on the way ; encounter between Irish and Puritans ; Thomas de Burgo, agent of the king, has died in Dublin ; rumour that he was poisoned by Puritans ; proposed peace discussions at Drogheda mentioned.

f. 196rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 3.5.1643 : De Burgo has reported attack

on New Ross by the Puritans, but enemy driven off with heavy losses ; Preston gone to lay siege to Duncannon Fort.

ff. 197r-199r : Rossetti to Barberini, 3.5.1643, with letter of Fr. Egidio Chaissey, Franciscan, enclosed : Protestant bishop of Armagh at Oxford ; has fine collection of books ; well disposed towards Catholics.

f. 200r : Barberini to Rossetti, 9.3.1643: Thanks for letters on Irish affairs, and hopes things will prosper there.

f. 212rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 10.5.1643 : Has had letters from Richard Farrell from Wexford, and from Hugh de Burgo ; Irish arms advancing ; Coote at Oxford seeking help against Confederates ; Puritans suffer heavy defeat at Ross ; Rossetti says he sends an account of a cannon purchased for the Irish. [Account missing].

f. 241rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 31.5.1643 : Hugh de Burgo at Cologne with letters from the Supreme Council for the Prince Elector, for the Emperor and for the duke of Bavaria ; de Burgo wishes to thank the Pope and Barberini himself for all they have done to help the Irish.

ff. 247r-250v : Rossetti to Barberini, 7.6.1643 : De Burgo has discussed Irish affairs with the Prince Elector, who said he was at present unable to send help to Ireland ; yesterday, the prince returned to Cologne and de Burgo presented him with a document entitled : ' Points for consideration by the German princes concerning the Holy War waged in Ireland ' ; so far no reply to this ; Rossetti doing what he can to get aid from the Bavarians for Ireland.

ff. 251r-254r : Copy of the document left by de Burgo with the Prince Elector.

**8653 (Part II)** f. 277r : Barberini to Rossetti, 20.6.1643 : The appeals made by de Burgo at Cologne should procure, at least, a few cannon ; Rossetti told to continue to help de Burgo.

f. 283r : Rossetti to Barberini, 28.6.1643 : The Prince Elector, in reply to the letter given him by de Burgo, said he was not in a position to give any help at present ; duke of Neuburg wished to give a piece of artillery, but as there would be difficulty in having it transported to Ireland secretly, he gave de Burgo instead 400 imperiali to purchase arms ; de Burgo left Brussels on Monday with the intention of going to Holland.

f. 285r : Rossetti to Barberini, 5.7.1643 : Reports difficulties encountered by de Burgo in trying to obtain passport for Holland ; his anti-English sentiments not pleasing to the Dutch.

f. 286rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 5.7.1643 : Concerning ecclesiastical lands held by Catholics in Ireland, and recent opinions of Irish Confederates on the point.

ff. 345r-346v : Rossetti to Barberini, 23.8.1643 : Duke of Neuburg has called on Rossetti and said he had ordered his agent in Flanders to place



400 thalers to de Burgo's account for arms ; Neuburg has also used his influence with the Dutch in favour of de Burgo ; Count d'Asfelt has promised two pieces of cannon.

f. 368rv : Rossetti to Barberini, 30.8.1643 : Passing reference to de Burgo.

f. 387r : Rossetti to Barberini, 20.9.1643 : Mention of letter from de Burgo for Barberini. [Letter missing].

ff. 470r-471v : Rossetti to Barberini, 22.11.1643 : De Burgo has written to Rossetti about the marriage of Princess di Falsemburg.

**8655** ff. 212r-213r : Rossetti to Barberini(?), 2.2.1642 : Queen of England accused of treason because of alleged contact with Irish revolutionaries (212v).

ff. 233r-234v : Latin version of petition of Irish Confederates to King Charles. No date.

**8659** Documents nn. 54 and 55 : Two letters written by W. Montague at Paris on 1.3.1675 and 18.7.1675 concerning a book by John Sergeant, and criticism of it by Talbot, archbishop of Dublin.

**8665** f. 5r : Despatch, Paris, 3.1.1689 : Prince of Orange has sent 8,000 men to Ireland under the duke of Ormond.

f. 7rv : Despatch, Paris, 6.1.1689 : Revolution in Ireland ; 50,000 Irish have disarmed all the Protestants (7v).

f. 10rv : Despatch, Paris, 7.1.1689 : 50,000 Irish Catholics under arms ; have sent word to prince of Orange that they will treat the Irish Protestants as he treats the English Catholics (10v).

ff. 15r-18r : Despatch, Paris, 24.1.1689 : Reference to de Burgo, Plunket, Farrell, etc., officers in army of king of England ; Tirconnell said to have at least 25,000 under arms (17r).

f. 20r : Despatch, Paris, 28.2.1689 : Preparations being made by king for his journey to Ireland from S. Germain ; reference to Tirconnell's activities in Ireland.

ff. 20v-21r : Despatch, Paris, 4.3.1689 : Tirconnell, king, and military affairs (20v).

f. 24rv : Despatch, Paris, 23.5.1689 : Reference to help for Ireland from France ; report from Cork says Londonderry is being defended ; a French officer routs Protestants coming to help of Londonderry.

f. 26rv : Despatch, Paris, 23.5.1689 : Castlemaine and his fleet have reached Ireland ; Castlemaine's activities there ; arms, men, etc., landed from fleet.

ff. 27r-28r : Despatch, Paris, 30.5.1689 : King has overcome Protestants in Ireland, and intends to go to Scotland or England (28r).

f. 31rv : Despatch, London, 6.9.1689 : King has returned from Ireland ; siege of Limerick said to be ended (31r).

ff. 32r-33r : Extract from a letter written at Paris, 7.9.1690 : Illness of

prince of Orange in Ireland ; French have quitted Limerick and gone to Galway ; Limerick manned by Irish garrison ; duke of Berwick in vicinity with 2,500 men.

ff. 34r-37r : Copy of a letter from Dublin, 27.11.1689 : 14,000 of Schomberg's army said to have died ; army of the king enjoying good health ; account of the king's successes in Ireland (34r-35v).

f. 39r : Despatch, London, 1.12.169? : Troops returning to England from Ireland ; Sarsfield said to have crossed the Shannon and taken many castles ; Limerick held by the French : England finding it impossible to maintain army in Ireland.

ff. 107r-109r : Account of naval battle between English and French with references to Kinsale and Bantry. No date.

ff. 152r-163v : An appeal of Irish clergy in exile to Innocent XI concerning the efforts of non-Catholics in Ireland to suppress Catholicism. 1697.

ff. 164r-168r : Concerning the appointment of a cardinal protector for Ireland in succession to Card. Altieri, who has recently died. 1.7.1698.

ff. 174r-175v : Sample of a circular letter sent out by the Congregation of Propaganda, by order of Innocent XII, 12.7.1699, to nuncios of the Holy See, and to bishops of Italy, asking that contributions be given to help Catholics expelled from Ireland etc.

f. 176r : Printed letter of Innocent XII to prelates on the same subject, 6.6.1699.

ff. 177r-181v : Petitions to Congregation of Propaganda on behalf of English, Scottish and Irish Catholics who have had to flee to the Continent. 1700.

ff. 182r-183v : Account, printed at Rome, 1701, of the last illness and death of James II.

ff. 184r-187v : Account of death of James II, sent to Clement XI by Mgr. Gualtieri, nuncio in France.

**8669** f. 5rv : George Conn to Barberini, Paris, 9.2.1657 : Reference to an Irish priest, who sends books to Conn (5v).

f. 11r : Conn to Barberini, Rouen, 3.5.1657 : Reference to same.

ff. 60r-61v : Conn to Barberini, Paris, 17.12.1660 : Conn interested in procuring abbacy in Ireland for one Dr. Kelly, who has served the king so well (61r).

ff. 107r-108v : Conn to Barberini, London, 28.7.1662 : Reference to oath to be taken by the Irish to the king ; king and ministers ignorant of the form of the oath ; two books in support of the oath written by two Irish Franciscans (107v).

f. 119rv : Conn to Barberini, Paris, 25.11.1662 : Is sending book by Raymond Caron in favour of the oath ; remarks on book.

ff. 127r-128r : Conn to Barberini, Paris, 27.1.1663 : Two Irish Carmelites,

Plunket and Carty (?), imprisoned ; were caught teaching, preaching, saying Mass etc. (127v).

ff. 184r-186r : Conn to Barberini, Paris, 8.8.1670 : Refers to meeting of bishops at Dublin and to accusation made by an Irish Augustinian against the archbishop of Tuam (184v).

**8671** ff. 14r-15r : Despatch, London, 30.10.1627 : 2,000 troops from Ireland have arrived at Buckingham (14r).

f. 117rv : Despatch, London, 30.8.1633 : Esmond asks the queen to intercede with the king for the Irish Catholics ; many concessions granted as a result ; they had been severely persecuted for the past two years under a statute passed in Elizabeth's time.

ff. 174r-445v : Despatches from London between November 1640 and 29.12.1641 dealing with English and Irish affairs ; frequent references to progress of events in Ireland.

**8672** This volume of 282 folios contains despatches from London between 3.1.1642 and 26.12.1642. Ireland mentioned very often.

**8673** Continuation of the despatches (269 folios) from London covering the years 1643, 1644 and 1645. Frequent references to progress of events in Ireland.

**8676** f. 236rv : Card. Pompeo Arrigoni to Maffeo Barberini, 22.1.1610 : Concerning faculties for the bishop of Clogher and the archbishop of Tuam ; Arrigoni astounded at faculties requested by Irish bishops and especially by archbishop of Tuam.

f. 237r : Pompeo Arrigoni to Maffeo Barberini, 2.4.1610 : Edmund Lorcan, Irish priest, has been to see Arrigoni at Benevento ; recommends him.

**8876** ff. 26r-42r : Letters etc. of John Baptist Rinuccini, archbishop of Fermo, and later nuncio in Ireland ; were written to Carlo Barberini and others between the years 1626 and 1639 ; also a short account of Rinuccini, but no references to Ireland.

**8928** ff. 25r-55r : Letters from Rome written by Thomas White Lombard to Card. Maffeo Barberini in Bologna during the year 1612. The pagination is very irregular in this volume.

f. 26rv : Passing mention of the earl of Tyrone. 7.1.1612.

f. 27rv : Bishops needed for Ireland ; only archbishop of Cashel there and an old Franciscan bishop who lies in prison in Dublin ; the two archbishops promoted at the instance of Tyrone are in Madrid and Brussels ; writer speaks of Tyrone's approval of him ; protests his attachment to his native land, and asks that he be given a prelacy ; has been 23 years out of Ireland, of which two have been spent in France, eleven in Flanders, and about ten in Rome ; was ordained by the archbishop of Malines. 10.3.1612.

f. 28rv : Matters dealing with England and Naples. 10.3.1612.

ff. 29r-30r : Florence Conry sends news from Spain, and also writes to Tyrone denying rumours of a marriage between princess Elizabeth of England and a member of the royal house of Spain ; archbishop of Armagh has discussed question of bishops for Ireland with the Pope, who seems to be in favour of creating bishops, but Thomas White, the writer, thinks the consecration of bishops in Ireland by the archbishop of Armagh, on his arrival there, would be dangerous ; White complains that he and others have been passed over, and pleads that he should be made a bishop. 24.3.1612.

f. 31rv : English and Spanish affairs. 19.5.1612.

f. 32rv : News from David Rothe that Irish Catholics have been much upset by the death sentences passed on the bishop of Down and a priest ; the viceroy, in order to frighten them still more, engages more soldiers to harass them ; the archbishop of Cashel and the Cistercian abbot, Paul, are being sought after ; White's brother has been made prisoner for opposing the Protestant bishop and soldiers who were pillaging churches in Waterford ; White's mother, Christina Lombard, has died as a result ; archbishop of Dublin said to be the occasion of the new persecution ; not being satisfied with being bishop of Clogher, he sought and got promotion to Dublin, and stays privately at St. Anthony's College, Louvain, while the innocent in Ireland bear the persecution ; earl of Kildare accused by chancellor of favouring papists and traitors, which earl denied ; earl and chancellor had dinner together and earl died shortly after returning home ; English news. 2.6.1612.

f. 33r : English and continental news. 4.7.1612.

f. 34rv : English affairs. 21.7.1612.

ff. 35r-36r : Giovanni de Medici, Card. Bellarmine and negotiations for marriage of Giovanni's daughter, Catherine, with the king of England ; White refers to his own linguistic attainments, and suggests that Catherine should have a bishop in her household ; he considers himself suitable for such a position or for the post of interpreter ; ill-feeling towards earl of Salisbury. 11.8.1612.

ff. 37r-38r : News of events in Germany, Flanders, Naples and England ; concerning Card. Joyeuse ; Tyrone to get one hundred scudi a month from Spain besides 3,000 to pay his debts ; dwelling place of archbishop of Armagh in Rome. 13.8.1612.

f. 39rv : English and Spanish news ; English priests in Ireland said to be spying on Irish Catholics for the government ; vicar apostolic of Waterford reported to the government by one of them. 20.8.1612.

f. 40rv : Concerning proposed marriage of Catherine de Medici and the sending of an ambassador from England to Tuscany ; affairs of Morocco and Spain. 25.8.1612.



ff. 41r-42r : Concerning proposed marriage of Catherine de Medici ; White asks for position in Catherine's household ; talk of marriage between Elizabeth of England and prince of Savoy ; Scottish medical doctor seized by Holy Office. 1.9.1612.

f. 43rv : Mgr. Franceschini dead ; proposed marriages of Catherine de Medici and Elizabeth of England ; news about Flanders ; last Saturday Tyrone sent one of his men to request an audience with Giovanni de Medici, but was told pressure of business prevented Giovanni from granting the audience ; audience fixed for Tuesday, but Giovanni had gone to Bracciano on business 8.9.1612.

f. 44rv : Confessor of the Grand Duke Giovanni has written to archbishop of Armagh requesting that White enter his service ; White surprised at proposal ; English ambassador expected in Florence in connection with marriage between Catherine de Medici and king of England ; strange happenings in Ireland ; St Patrick's cemetery, Cashel, covered with snow on 23 June ; rained blood for twenty-four hours in Ormond's country etc. 15.9.1612.

ff. 45r-46r : Concerning marriage of Elizabeth of England and prince of Savoy ; Franciscan lately come from Ireland writes from Flanders that the priest who travelled with Tyrone and went back to Ireland last year has been captured by the English ; reference to Rothe ; archbishop from Scotland and an English bishop gone into Ulster among the Planters ; reprisal, perhaps, for the promotion of two bishops for those parts by the Pope at the instance of Tyrone ; one of those bishops now in Madrid, and the other on his way to Brussels ; White holds Tyrone went against the advice of his best friends in having those bishops created ; Franciscan bishop said to have been imprisoned by viceroy ; the only member of the hierarchy left in Ireland is the archbishop of Cashel. 15.10.1612

f. 47rv : Concerning White and the request that he enter the service of Giovanni de Medici ; as soon as the Pope returns from Frascati, decision will be made ; items of news concerning Spain, Flanders and Savoy.

f. 48rv : Persecution in England more severe ; quieter in Ireland ; all Tyrone's lands confiscated ; Tyrone urges promotion of another friar in place of the bishop who was martyred ; two other bishops, who were promoted at Tyrone's request and who were expected to go into Ireland to comfort the Catholics, stay on in Madrid and Brussels. 24.10.1612.

f. 49rv : English and French affairs ; new persecution said to have begun in Ireland. 26.10.1612.

f. 50rv : English and Spanish affairs ; four priests captured in Dublin were shipped to Bordeaux ; were in correspondence with archbishop of Dublin about affairs of the diocese ; they had lived unmolested in Dublin for nine years. 10.11.1612.

f. 51r : Death of an English gentleman on his way to Florence ; archbishop of Armagh approaches Card. Arrigoni concerning White and other business ; White laments the importunities of the earl of Tyrone. 14.11.1612.

f. 52rv : Affairs of England, Spain and Savoy. 17.11.1612.

f. 53rv : Spanish affairs ; Card. Arrigoni has gone to Benevento ; Armagh wished before the departure of the cardinal to provide competent bishops to the four provinces of Ireland to make good the absence of those appointed at the request of Tyrone ; White presses his claim for a bishopric. 31.11.1612.

f. 54r : White going to Leghorn in the service of the Grand Duke of Tuscany ; affairs in England. 9.12.1612.

**9825** f. 97r : Marchese Gianettino Giustiniani to Card. Barberini, from Genoa, 5.12.1652, recommending Bonaventure O Connor, Franciscan.

f. 98v : Note, without date or signature (most probably Barberini to Giustiniani), in which the writer says he has seen O Connor and will help him.

# Archives of the Irish Dominican College, San Clemente, Rome

## A SUMMARY REPORT

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The Church and Convent of San Clemente, together with those of San Sisto Vecchio, were informally committed to the Irish Province of the Dominican Order in 1667, and formally handed over to the Irish Dominicans in 1677. Since then they have remained in Irish Dominican possession.<sup>1</sup>

During that period of nearly three centuries a great number of records and other documents have accumulated, forming the collection now housed in 'The Archives,' a room on the first floor of the Convent adjoining the upper part of the portico of the Church of San Clemente. The number of 'items' in this collection amounts to over 400; but as many of these items are themselves made up of collections of documents, the total number of single documents runs to some thousands.

These are stored on shelves in locked wallcases, but they have not yet been arranged or fully classified in any systematic way. Nor is there any complete Index or Catalogue of the whole collection, though useful Indices exist for some special sections of it. For the purposes of the present brief report the material may be dealt with under the following heads :

- I. Conventual Records.
- II. Documents of more general Irish ecclesiastical interest.
- III. Personal Records, Journals, Letters.
- IV. Transcripts of documents from other Archives.
- V. Some printed pamphlets etc. of historical interest.

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<sup>1</sup> On the Dominican and Irish connexions of this 'geminatum coenobium' see De Burgo, *Hibernia Dominicana*, Cologne 1762, pp. 366-415, and *Supplementum*, pp. 840-53; L. Nolan, *The Irish Dominicans in Rome*, Rome 1913.

## I. CONVENTUAL RECORDS

These consist of such items as Account Books, Church and Sacristy Books, Records of subjects received or professed in the Order, Conventual Annals and Chronicles, Minutes of Meetings of Conventual Council and of Academic Council.

Typical items are :

1. Old MS book in modern binding, 'The Council Book of San Clemente,' 22 Feb. 1659 to 20 Dec 1727 (115 folios).
2. Parchment bound MS book, 142 folios, entitled 'Liber de Ratione Studiorum Generalis Studii Conventuum SSrum. Sixti et Clementis de Urbe, Sacri Ordinis Praedicatorum, Prae. Hiberniae 1743.' Index of contents at end. Covers 1743-1788. Contains several eulogies of the talents of 'Brother John Thomas Troy'—afterwards Archbishop of Dublin.
3. Parchment bound MS Profession Book and Council Book, 1793-1906.
4. Parchment bound MS 80+75 pp. 'in quo continentur Receptiones ad habitum et Professiones Novitiorum,' 1676-1789.
5. Parchment bound MS inscribed 'Inventario di SS. Sisto e Clemente 1617-1677.' Contains full lists of household and church effects of the two Convents ; records details of donations of church plate etc. to the community by ecclesiastical and other personages. At the end, a record of burials of friars in the two churches from 1645 to 1664—only one being Irish.

## II. DOCUMENTS OF MORE GENERAL IRISH ECCLESIASTICAL INTEREST

These are mostly original documents or contemporary transcripts or translations, dealing with Irish Church affairs, mainly in 17th and 18th centuries. Their existence in San Clemente is due to the facts that (a) successive Fathers of the Convent kept up an active interest, by correspondence with Ireland and by activity in Vatican circles in Rome, in the affairs of the Irish Church ; (b) several Bishops of Irish Sees in those centuries were Irish Dominicans, who did much of their Roman business through San Clemente ; (c) Fathers of San Clemente frequently acted as official Roman Agents for other Irish Bishops as well.

The records of these activities have been arranged and permanently bound in a series of seven 'Codices' and four 'Volumes' ; and the series has been provided with a comprehensive Index or Table of Contents



in a separate volume. The principal items are contained in :—

6. The Index to this whole series : ' Index : Archivium Ven. Collegii Sancti Clementis de Urbe.'
7. ' Codex I : Miscellanea de Hib. Diocesibus (1628-1771) '.
8. ' Codex II : Varia de Missione Hib. (1623-1773) '.
9. ' Codex IV : Varia de Hibernia Dominicana (1659-1743) '.

### III. PERSONAL RECORDS, JOURNALS, LETTERS, ETC.

These include :—

10. A bound MS volume, 163 pp., containing transcripts of letters etc. exchanged in a theological controversy between ' Fr Master Edmd. Burke a Dominican of Athenry ' and ' The Lord Bpp. of Elfin Doctor Carbry Kelly.' List of contents at beginning. The whole volume is in the handwriting of Thomas De Burgo, author of *Hibernia Dominicana*, who was nephew of the Edmund Burke referred to.
11. Leatherbound MS Letter-Book and Journal of Father O'Finan (Bishop O'Finan of Killala), 1823-1838, with some later entries. Contains informative references to his business as Roman Agent for various Bishops and others, e.g. Dr Edm. Burke, Bishop of Sion and Vicar Apostolic of Halifax ; Dr Henry Conwell, Dunganannon ; Dr Connolly, New York ; Dr Milner.
12. A bundle of letters addressed to Fr O'Finan from Bishop Fenwick O.P. and his companions, in the 1820's, dealing with the beginnings of the Dominicans in U.S.A.  
Includes also a bundle of 8 documents (contemporary letters, newspapers etc.) dealing with the missionary activity of Rev. Charles French O.P. in New Brunswick etc. 1818-1829.
13. Amongst the correspondence of Fr Mullooly is a bundle of letters described as ' Letters from Count McDonnell and Field Marshal Nugent relative to the formation of the Irish [Papal] Brigade.'

### IV. TRANSCRIPTS OF RECORDS FROM OTHER ARCHIVES

#### (a) *Father Louis Nolan's collection*

14. A bound MS book in which the items consist of slips of paper pasted on to the pages. It is labelled ' 1. Gleanings from Archives. 2. Material for life of Fr T. N. Burke, O.P.' (1830-1883).

It contains Irish Dominican material as follows :

- (i) On p. 1, a typed list of various sources in the Archives of the Dominican Master General where material concerning the Irish

Province is to be found.

(ii) A series of MS extracts copied on slips of paper, taken from various Archives in France, containing references to individual Irish Dominicans in France in the 17th and 18th centuries.

(iii) A similar series transcribed from the Archives of the Dominican Master General, referring to individual Irish Dominicans on the continent in the 17th and 18th centuries.

(iv) Typed carbon copies of many documents in the Master General's Archives containing material about Fr T. N. Burke, O.P., from his novitiate days onwards.

(b) *Father Michael Costello's Collections*

Father Costello, the transcriber of the Irish Annates which have now been edited from his notes, lived in Rome from 1867 till his death in 1906, and devoted a diligent lifetime to transcribing that and a great deal of other material referring to Ireland, England and Scotland, in Roman Archives. The fruits of his labours repose in the San Clemente Archives, and include :—

15. A bound MS volume, 296 pp. (of which 112 are blank), containing extracts from various MS collections, mostly the Casanate Library, dealing with Church affairs in Ireland, and largely in Scotland also, especially in the 17th century. An inserted slip of paper describes the contents as ' Copie di Documenti estratti da vari Archivi relativi alla Storia dell' Irlanda e Scozia : Collegi etc . . 1278-1608.'
16. A bundle of MSS wrapped in newspaper, some in hand of Fr Costello, but mostly in another hand. Transcripts from Roman Archives dealing with affairs in England and Scotland, mostly 16th century. References to Annates of places in Scotland in the 1430's are included ; also some letters of Fr David Wolf, S.J., and of William Walsh, Bishop of Meath.
17. A large bundle of transcripts by Fr Costello, dealing chiefly with the Church in Scotland in the time of Clement VII (Avignon, 1378-94) ; extracts from Reg. Clem. VII—letters to various Irish Prelates warning them against the usurpation of ' Bartholomaeus, olim Baren. archiepiscopus per violenciam . . . in apostolicam sedem intrusus.'
18. A bundle of transcripts labelled ' Vat. Arch., principally English of the pont. of Nicholas V.'
19. Item ' Scottish Bulls, Bonf. IX to Alex. VI, one of Paul IV.'
20. Item ' English, Scottish and Scandinavian Annates.'
21. Item ' English, Scottish and Scandinavian oblig. etc.'
22. Three similar bundles, unlabelled.

## V. SOME PRINTED PAMPHLETS ETC. OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

23. Bound volume, 292 pp., of printed documents connected with the case 'Causa Fratres Mendicantes Galviae inter et Parochos ejusdem Oppidi A.D. 1722', and other litigation of Irish ecclesiastics in the years 1734, 1737, 1739, 1740, 1742. Index of items on p. x of this volume.
24. Similar volume of documents, 184 pp., in the case: 'Causa . . . Episcopum Ossoriensem Thomam de Burgo O.P. inter et sacerdotem Patritium Molloy, super Parochia S. Mariae, Kilkenniae, A.D. 1761.' Index at beginning.
25. Parchment bound book containing printed lists of the theses defended by the Irish Dominican Students of Holy Cross, Louvain, under the regency of Fr Edmund de Burgo, O.P., 1703; also the opusculum of same, *Responsio ad dissertationem Liberii Gratiani*, Lovanii 1708, 86 pp. Many MS annotations, by author. (See above, No. 10).
26. Bound volume of the printed *vota* etc. in the case of Bishop O'Finan, O.P., of Killala, before Propaganda.
27. Printed copies of documents (Propaganda, July 1877), concerning approval of the Irish Loreto Nuns; includes a letter of Fr T. N. Burke, O.P.
28. Printed documents (Propaganda, 1877) concerning the filling of the vacant See of Ross, or alternatively uniting it to the See of Cork.

# Franciscan Library, Killiney

A SHORT GUIDE FOR THE STUDENT OF IRISH CHURCH HISTORY

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The Franciscan Library at Killiney comprises a section which is sometimes referred to as the Irish Franciscan Archives or the Archives of the Irish Franciscans. Neither from the point of view of provenance of the material nor from that of its present arrangement can the designation be justified, and it has been deliberately avoided in this guide.

## CUSTODY AND PRESERVATION

The main library collection is to be found in a large room on the ground floor, while the sections for Celtic studies, reference, theology, and spirituality are on the first floor. The only section which concerns us now, however, is the one comprising manuscripts and rare printed books. It is preserved in a small strong-room in the semi-basement of the house. Every reasonable precaution has been taken against fire. The walls and ceiling have been strengthened and reinforced, the window-shutters and door are encased in protective steel coverings, and the electric switches have been placed outside the room. All the stacks and bays and shelves are of steel, and there are lockable doors with three-way bolts on the upper and lower portions of each bay. These doors also are made of steel, but they have wire mesh sections in order to allow of free circulation of air around the books and manuscripts. The windows are barred, but the bars are so arranged with hinges and locks that they can readily be swung open in case of fire. The room and the individual steel cupboards are always locked when not in use.

## EVALUATION

From the point of view of the student of Irish language and literature or that of the student of Irish ecclesiastical history this is one of the most important private collections of manuscripts in the country. Much of



what is contained in the Irish language manuscripts has now been edited, utilised, or exploited, but they have not yet yielded up their full quota of information. For instance, our manuscript of the Annals of the Four Masters was not in Ireland when O'Donovan prepared his edition and was not seen by him. Yet, it is what one might call the 'official' copy, the one that was sent out for printing and publishing at Louvain. Of importance for the student of Irish ecclesiastical history are several different manuscript collections, in particular the Wadding papers, which cover several decades of the seventeenth century, and also a number of rare printed books, pamphlets, and theses. There are also some isolated items of value for the general ecclesiastical historian, the literary historian, and the military historian. The chief interest and value of the collection is, as one would expect, for the history of Irish Franciscanism at home and abroad. It contains a large number of official documents, archives papers, private letters, literary works, of, by, to, or concerning Irish Franciscans.

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A. *Manuscripts in the Irish Language.* Over forty volumes. Chiefly of value for the student of Irish language and literature but also including some material of importance for the student of medieval church history and Irish political history, *e.g.*, 1) a fragment of the Book of Leinster (12th cent.) containing the martyrology of Tallaght and miscellaneous hagiography ; 2) lives of various Irish saints ; 3) an original of the Annals of the Four Masters covering the period from the beginning down to A.D. 1169 ; 4) one of the best and earliest copies of Keating's history of Ireland ; 5) Tadhg Ó Cianáin's account of the flight of the northern earls ; 6) the will of Hugh O'Neill, earl of Tyrone ; 7) genealogies, wills, testimonials, acknowledgements, letters, lists of placenames of Irish hagiographical interest ; fragments of annals and chronicles, etc. Note that for the sake of convenience one or two manuscripts from Irish scriptoria whose contents are chiefly or almost exclusively in Latin are classified with our manuscripts in the Irish language. There is a short unsatisfactory account of most of these manuscripts by Sir John Gilbert in *HMC, rep.* 4, app., pp. 601-5. A catalogue of all the Irish manuscripts at present at Killiney has been compiled by Dr. Myles Dillon and the present writer, and will, it is hoped, shortly be sent to the printers.

B. *Codices comprising theology, philosophy, literature, etc.* About 100. Of use for the literary historian, the bibliographer, and the student of

the history of ideas. Includes codices of Luke Wadding (and his Common-place Book), Bonaventure Baron, and Francis Harold ; courses of lectures delivered by Bonaventure Burke at the archiepiscopal seminary, Prague, c. 1687, and by Francis Coughlan at St. Anthony's College, Louvain, c. 1710 ; notes of philosophical and theological lectures taken at Rome and Louvain in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries by Irish students, Franciscan and non-Franciscan ; some volumes of verse ; etc. There are several excellent vellum codices containing the works of St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistran, Francis de Platea, and others. Also the *Sacco di Roma* and a vellum in Geez and Amharic containing the miracles of the Blessed Virgin and other items, as well as other codices containing the writings attributed to St. Francis, and tracts by Albert de Sartheano, Raymund Lull, and John of Wales, but none of these is of direct interest for our present purpose. The section also contains the Carrick MS, so called because it was discovered in the Franciscan Friary at Carrick-on-Suir about 1920 by Father Gregory Cleary, O.F.M. It is a fragment of the history of the Franciscan provinces of Ireland, Scotland, England, etc., compiled by a German Franciscan, c. 1630.

*C. Manuscripts almost solely of Irish Franciscan interest, and of an official or semi-official nature.*

1) Liber archivi provincialis collegii Lovaniensis S. Antonii de Padua Fratrum Minorum Hibernorum. Includes a comprehensive collection of the chapter bills of the Irish Franciscan province from 1629 to 1776 as well as many other documents of prime importance for Irish Franciscan history. A list of contents was published by Father T. A. O'Reilly, O.F.M., in *Archivum franciscanum historicum*, vii (Quaracchi, 1914), 749-59. A transcript of all the documents in it down to 1717, by Rev. Father Cathaldus Giblin, O.F.M., is now with the printers.

2) Chapter bills of the Irish Franciscan province.

Those for the seventeenth and some of those for the eighteenth century are in the Liber . . . Lovaniensis. All others still extant (with the exception of those mentioned in no. 3) have recently been brought together from various sources by the Rev. Father Bartholomew Egan and the present writer, placed in chronological order, and bound. Some of these chapter bills are originals, some are authenticated or contemporary copies, some are printed, some are in manuscript. They are a prime source for Irish Franciscan history, giving as they do the list of appointments to office made at each chapter, provincial superiors, guardians of each friary in Ireland, etc.

3) A bound volume of chapter bills covering the period 1739-94, which formerly belonged to the archives of the Franciscan Friary, Dublin.

Unfortunately, at some period about 25 pages were torn out with a consequent loss of the chapter bills for the period between 1761 and 1784. All or nearly all of these, however, can be supplied from the copies mentioned in nos. 1 and 2 above.

4) Some Mass-books and account-books (17th-19th cent.) from St. Isidore's College, Rome, the Franciscan Friary, Dublin, and other friaries.

5) Chronicle of Meelick (Co. Galway) Franciscan Friary, (17th-19th cent.).

6) Account-book of Courtown (Co. Meath) Franciscan Friary, (18th-19th cent.).

7) House-book of Thurles Franciscan Friary (19th cent.).

8) Documents issued by superiors of the order, province, etc. (17th-19th cent.). Some printed, some manuscript. Includes letters of obedience issued by the ministers general and the ministers provincial.

9) Papers about the different Irish Franciscan continental colleges, their foundation, suppression, etc. Includes (i) a collection of loose papers and slips in Wadding's handwriting dealing with the accounts of St. Isidore's College, Rome; (ii) papal documents issued to the different colleges, excluding original vellums, for which see section G.

10) Drogheda noviciate papers (19th cent.).

D. *Seventeenth century letters and papers.* Includes Wadding papers; Harold papers; Duffy papers; etc. HMC published a report on the first four volumes of the Wadding papers in 1906 under the title *Report on Franciscan manuscripts preserved at the Convent, Merchants' Quay, Dublin*. A volume of transcripts of all the Wadding papers for the period 1614-38, prepared by Rev. Father Brendan Jennings, O.F.M., has just been published by the Irish manuscripts commission (*Wadding Papers, 1614-38, Ir. MSS Comm., 1953*).

E. *Letters and papers, 18th-20th cent.* Includes Cowan papers (18th-19th cent.); MacCormack papers (18th-19th cent.); Hayes papers (19th cent.; indispensable for a study of the veto question); O'Meara papers (19th cent.); Reville papers (19th cent.); Browne papers (19th-20th cent.); etc.

F. *Irish hagiographical manuscripts and papers in Latin (17th cent.).* Includes transcripts of lives of Irish saints by Fathers John Goolde, John Colgan, etc.

G. *Original official documents on vellum.*

1) Papal bulls, briefs, and rescripts. Includes bull of Pope Paul V

for the founding of the Irish Franciscan college at Louvain ; the bull of Pope Urban VIII appointing Hugh MacCaghwell (al. Mac Aingil, Cavellus) archbishop of Armagh in 1626 ; indults to Father Luke Wadding ; etc.

2) Royal grants, privileges, licences, etc. Includes grant of money by King Henry VIII for the upkeep of the holy places at Jerusalem ; privileges conceded by kings of Spain ; etc.

3) Archducal licences, etc. Includes the placitum of the Archdukes Albert and Isabella for the founding of the Irish Franciscan college at Louvain.

4) Certificates, testimonials, etc. Includes testimonial signed by Richard Arthur, bishop of Limerick, and his clergy, in favour of John Creagh (1643).

5) Other documents. Includes ' The rental of St. Francis's Abbey, Cork ' (c. 1620).

H. *Other Franciscan non-Irish material.* Includes a recently-bound miscellaneous collection of printed and manuscript documents (17th-19th cent.).

J. *Other non-Franciscan Irish material.* Includes note-book of Luke Wadding, bishop of Ferns, 1678-88 ; a volume of original letters of O'Connell, Edmund Burke, Isaac Butt, Parnell, etc., sent to Maurice Lenihan, the historian of Limerick ; some original letters and some transcripts of letters of political and military personages of the period 1780-90 ; papers of Daniel Crilly, M.P. ; autographs, etc., of John Mitchell, Patrick Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh, etc.

K. *Other non-Franciscan non-Irish material.* Includes a recently-bound miscellaneous collection of ecclesiastical documents, printed and manuscript (17th-19th cent.).

L. *Miscellaneous.* Includes documents that cannot conveniently be classified under any of the above headings.

M. *Modern note-books.* Includes diaries of Fathers P. F. O'Farrell (1854) and A. Holohan (1879), who were both missionaries for a time in Australia ; note-book of Father J. T. Mullock (afterwards bishop in Newfoundland) dealing with Irish Franciscan history ; note-books of the Irish Franciscan historians, Fathers R. L. Browne and E. B. Fitzmaurice ; etc.



N. *News-cuttings*. Almost exclusively of Irish Franciscan interest (19th-20th cent.).

P. *Photographic copies of documents from other collections, chiefly English and continental*. Almost exclusively of Irish Franciscan interest.

Q. *Other modern transcripts*. Chiefly of Irish Franciscan interest. Includes copies of documents from the London and Dublin Public Record Office ; the Royal Library at Brussels ; archives of the Congregation *de propaganda fide* ; archives of Naples ; Florence ; and Troyes ; St. Isidore's College, Rome ; various Irish Poor Clare convents ; and also a transcript by a former librarian, Father T. A. O'Reilly, of the Liber ordinationum of St. Anthony's College, Louvain, of which the original or prototype is now preserved in the Belgian Franciscan archives at St.-Trond (St.-Truiden). It is intended to subdivide this section as follows according to the provenance of the transcripts : 1) continental libraries ; 2) British libraries ; 3) Irish libraries ; 4) Franciscan Library, Killiney, including catalogues and calendars and guides to the materials in it.

Note that there is also a number of rare printed books of value for the student of Irish ecclesiastical history, for instance, the works of Peter Walsh, Anthony Bruodin, Denis Taaffe, and also Philip O'Sullivan Beare's *Historiae Catholicae Iberniae compendium* (1621) ; David Rothe's *Analecta* (1617) ; Richard Stanihurst's *De rebus in Hibernia gestis* (1584) ; Nicholas Sander's *De origine ac progressu schismatis anglicani* (1586) ; Archdekin's *Brevis Hiberniae notitia* (1671). There is also a considerable number of rare pamphlets, leaflets, broadsheets, posters, theological and philosophical theses (with names of defenders, chairmen, etc.). Of interest for the historian of Irish politics are the clandestine and underground publications of the Sinn Féin and civil war periods, etc.

## PROVENANCE

Nearly all the items mentioned under sections A, B, C 1, C 8, D, F, G, H, came from St. Isidore's College, Rome, in 1872, and of these C 1, F, and nearly all of A and C 9 came to Rome in the early part of the last century from Louvain. Some of the items classified under A came from other Irish friaries or as gifts from societies or individuals outside the Franciscan order. The chapter bills under C 2 came from different Irish friaries, in particular from Wexford, Dublin, Drogheda and Cork. Items dealt with in sections C 3, C 4, C 5, C 6, C 7, C 9, C 10 came from the houses mentioned in these sections, respectively. The E items

came from Louvain, Rome, Wexford, Dublin, Drogheda, etc., while of the Hayes papers some were found in Wexford Friary about forty years ago by Rev. Father Brendan Jennings, O.F.M., and the remainder were presented at different times by the late Mr. Hayes Ingham of Blackrock, a relative of Father Richard Hayes. Items classified under J, K, L, came from a wide variety of sources. The note-book of Bishop Luke Wadding probably came from the Wexford Friary, which for a long period was the residence of the bishops of Ferns. The Lenihan papers were purchased by the late Father B. L. Browne and probably came to the collection after Father Browne's death in 1930 along with all his own note-books referred to in section M. The Crilly papers were presented by Mrs. Daniel Crilly about 1939. Those under K came from Rome, Dublin, and elsewhere. As regards M, the diary of Father A. Holohan came from the Killarney Friary about five years ago.

With the exception of recent acquisitions (classified under A, C 2, B, L, M, N, P), this whole collection was formerly housed in the Franciscan Library, Merchants' Quay, Dublin. It was transferred to Killiney after the establishment here in 1945 of a house of specialised studies and research for members of the Franciscan province of Ireland.

A paper giving a general account of the history and contents of the Franciscan Library, Merchants' Quay, Dublin, by the present writer, was read at the 1942 conference of the Library association of Ireland and was published in *An Leabharlann ; journal of the Library association of Ireland*, 1942, Sept. (viii, no. 2), 29-37.

## CLASSIFICATION AND CATALOGUING

The more detailed classification and the cataloguing and editing of these manuscripts proceeds according as time and circumstances permit, but the work is necessarily slow.

The divisions indicated above not merely reveal the different categories of documents in the library, but also serve as a guide to their shelf-location. The letters of the alphabet marking the different divisions correspond with the letters marked on the different bays in the strong-room.

# Archives of the Irish Augustinians, Rome

## A SUMMARY REPORT

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The archives of the Irish Augustinians in Rome are sadly incomplete. The records which remain are valuable, but with few exceptions they lack those personal documents which bring an immediate breath of fresh air and reality into the most of archival collections. Furthermore, these records are of a local conventual nature and shed little direct light on the more general issues of Irish ecclesiastical history. Nevertheless, the patient research worker can abstract much that is enlightening from the legal and financial records which have survived.

To understand the present condition of these archives and the titles of its different records one needs an outline sketch of Irish Augustinian history in Rome.<sup>1</sup> The friars are now established at St. Patrick's College, Via Piemonte. This monastery represents the seventh stratum of Irish Augustinian establishment in the Eternal City. Noting the chopping and changing which on seven occasions disturbed Irish Augustinian life in Rome, one wonders that any considerable body of archives survived. The records which remain are mostly of a legal and financial nature. In times of dispersion and enforced change of residence it is documents such as these which superiors are primarily intent on preserving.

The first Irish Augustinian foundation forms part of Counter-Reformation history and the Irish 'Seminary Movement' of the seventeenth century. After several ineffective attempts to secure a college for students in Spain, France, the Low Countries, the Augustinians were granted the priory of San Matteo in Merulana at Rome in 1656. High hopes of toleration after the restoration of the English monarchy, and lack of sufficient regular income for San Matteo, decided the Irish friars to

<sup>1</sup> There is no adequate history of the Irish Augustinians in Rome but cf. *Annals of the Irish National Church in honour of St. Patrick, Rome*. Dublin, 1889. . . pp. 68 ; Battersby (W. J.), *History of all the abbeys, convents, churches . . . of the Hermits of St. Augustine in Ireland*, Dublin, 1856, pp. 98-110, 118-19, 212 ; Henze (Clemens), C.S.S.R., 'San Matteo in Merulana,' In *Miscellanea Francesco Ehrle*, ii (Rome, 1924), 404-14 ; Armellini (Mariano), *Le chiese di Roma* (ed. 2, Rome, 1891), pp. 244-6 (San Matteo in Merulana), pp. 327-8 (Santa Maria in Posterula), p. 824 (St. Patrick's).

relinquish this house in 1661 to the Italian Augustinians of the Perusian Congregation. Not one original document survives in the present archives to illumine the first six years of Irish Augustinian life in Rome.

By Apostolic Brief, 2 March 1739, Pope Clement XII restored San Matteo to the Irish Augustinians at the request of James III, the Young Pretender. San Matteo served as a novitiate, a philosophical and theological college until the arrival of General Berthier and the French troops in 1798. During that summer San Matteo and thirty other ecclesiastical buildings were demolished by the French military authorities on the score of strategical necessity. The Augustinians had time to remove some valuables before the superiors returned to Ireland. But only a small collection of documents—and those from the last quarter of the eighteenth century—survive from the San Matteo archives.

At present there is still some uncertainty about the continuity of Irish Augustinian life in Rome after the expulsion from San Matteo. It is asserted that a *pied-a-terre* was maintained by some Irish friars who were given temporary occupation of the nearby Celestine monastery of Sant' Eusebio about 1800. There is somewhat more evidence for the statement that the Augustinians were at Sant' Eusebio during the years 1808-14. It is believed that in 1814 some Irish Augustinians took possession of another Celestine monastery, that of Santa Maria in Posterula, on the bank of the Tiber. This occupation was confirmed by a papal decree of 12 Feb. 1819. With this grant went the rights to the properties of Sant' Eusebio which appears to have been already a subject house of Santa Maria in Posterula. The greater part of the present archives in St. Patrick's College comes from the archives of Santa Maria and of Sant' Eusebio.

Prolonged security was not to be the lot of the friars at Posterula. In 1886 the Roman municipal authorities gave the Augustinians notice that their buildings were scheduled to be levelled in accordance with city-planning schemes. Restitution would be made, but it was an Augustinian responsibility to find another suitable building elsewhere. The friars decided to establish a college for their students in the then unbuilt Ludovisi quarter.

In 1886, on the personal recommendation of Pope Leo XIII and with the official support of the Irish hierarchy, it was decided that the Irish Augustinians be given charge of a church to be built in honour of St. Patrick beside the new college. Since the municipal authorities had given the Posterula community only two years grace, and St. Patrick's College did not become fit for occupation until 1892, the Augustinians gained temporary occupation of the church and monastery of San Carlo al Corso during the years 1888-92. Few records have survived con-



cerning the four years transition period at San Carlo.

The foundation stone of St. Patrick's Church was laid by Archbishop Walsh of Dublin on 1 Feb. 1888. There is a substantial body of records concerning the organisation for, and building of, St. Patrick's College and Church. Nevertheless, even this documentation would appear to be incomplete. The building of the church was discontinued in 1896 due to financial difficulties and differences of opinion between the members of 'The International Committee for the Irish National Church of St. Patrick, Rome.' There are not many documents in the archives for the years 1898-1913 since during that period only a skeleton community or a caretaker prior remained in Rome.

Building operations were resumed in 1908 on a more modest scale, and the church was officially opened on 17 March 1911.

It may safely be assumed that many interesting and valuable documents from the Irish Augustinian Archives have perished. One of the first Irish occupants of San Matteo was Brother Donogh, O.S.A., an ex-soldier of Eoghan Ruadh O'Neill. Though Brother Donogh remained at San Matteo until the close of the seventeenth century, and has a secure place in Irish Marian devotion, our knowledge of him is derived from an Italian source. We have proof that various individual Augustinians resident at San Matteo and Santa Maria in Posterula acted as Roman agents for important ecclesiastical developments in Ireland, the United States and Australia during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Their correspondence has apparently perished.

It should be noted that parts of the archives of the Irish Augustinians in Rome have found their way at different times to some of the Augustinian houses in Ireland. When Battersby was writing his *History of the Hermits of St. Augustine in Ireland* (1856) he had at his disposal in Dublin documents from Santa Maria in Posterula which have since perished. Other records from the Roman houses are, however, still to be found in the Irish Augustinian Provincial Archives, Dublin. Certain house-books from Santa Maria in Posterula found their way to the Augustinian priories at Grantstown, Co. Wexford, and Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

Connected with the history of the Irish Augustinians in Rome is their summer villa at San Pio, Genazzano. This was originally a house of the Friars Minor Conventual and was founded in the fifteenth century. It was suppressed by the Italian government in 1877, and was bought by the Irish Augustinians in 1880.<sup>1</sup>

This report is based on a rapid examination of the archives made in

<sup>1</sup> For a brief history of San Pio cf. Dillon (George F.), *The Virgin Mother of Good Counsel : a history of the ancient sanctuary in Genazzano with an appendix on San Pio*, Rome, 1884, pp. 540-59.

July 1953 at the request of the prior of St. Patrick's, Very Reverend F. J. Madden, O.S.A. The archives are contained in a large oaken press in a room adjoining the prior's. This press, which apparently came from Santa Maria in Posterula, is divided by shelves and subdivided by compartments. At present there is no comprehensive index or catalogue of the archives, nor is the material arranged or classified in any systematic way. However, the present prior has had the loose documents temporarily arranged by chronology and subject-matter in a series of folders. In this report the material is listed in the order in which it is now to be found in the archives.

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1. 'A—Liber Instrumentorum Collegii Sanctae Mariae in Posterula ab anno 1545—[1691].'

This large volume and the following five volumes form part of a series of cartularies strongly bound and reinforced in red and white leather. There are 205 pages of copied documents, papal, legal, financial. The documents have been copied at different times and are authenticated. There is a general index at the end of the volume.

2. 'B—Liber Instrumentorum Collegii Sanctae Mariae in Posterula ab anno 1691—[1703].'

Larger than the preceding volume, with documents of the same nature. There are 567 pages of copied documents, authenticated, indexed.

3. 'C—Liber Instrumentorum Collegii Sanctae Mariae in Posterula ab anno 1704—[1794].'

Same in size and nature of documents as preceding volume. On the fly-leaf is the title 'Liber Instrumentorum Venerabilis Monasterii Sancti Eusebii de Urbe, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti Congregationis Coelestinatorum, incipiens ab anno MDCCIV abbate D. Coelestino Guicciardino.' Pp. 179, indexed. Contains a few documents of the Irish Augustinians for the years 1839, 1853.

4. 'D—Liber Instrumentorum Collegii Sanctae Mariae in Posterula ab anno 1782—[1837].'

Same in appearance and nature of documents as preceding volumes. 67 folios numbered, 45 unnumbered, of authenticated transcripts. The documents are Celestine up to 1817. Augustinian documents begin in the year 1819, and include copies of the decree of Alexander VII, 18 Sept. 1658, confirming the Irish Augustinian possession of San Matteo; copy of the brief of Clement XII, 2 March 1739, restoring San Matteo to the Irish friars; a document mentioning that the Irish friars at Posterula

by papal decree, 12 Feb. 1819, got the rights to the possessions of Sant' Eusebio.

5. 'E—Liber Instrumentorum Venerabilis Collegii Augustiniani Hibernensis ab anno 1822 usque ad [1856].'

Same in appearance and nature as preceding volumes. 243 pages of transcripts. At the end a detailed map of the site of Sant' Eusebio and its possessions.

6. 'F—Libro degli Instrumenti.'

A bound collection of documents, including printed legal documents of 1839-41. Documents extend from late eighteenth century to 1853.

7. 'I Rendiconti dell' Esattore dall' anno 1822 a tutto li 30 Giugno 1855.'

An account book.

8. Account-book of Sant' Eusebio and Santa Maria in Posterula, 1789-1810.

9. A slight volume dealing with income of Sant' Eusebio in the early nineteenth century. 1810—

10. Leather-bound volume giving the income of Sant' Eusebio for 1807. 138 pages used. At the end are transcripts of documents relating to the Irish Augustinians in Rome, 1851, 1858.

11. Large volume giving financial accounts of Santa Maria in Posterula, 1822-38, with details of income and properties of the house. On the fly-leaf 'Questo libro dovrebbe essere ben conservato.' At the end of the volume is a valuable chronological list of students who arrived at Posterula, 1831-68, with dates of arrival, of religious profession, of return to Ireland. Occasional biographical details are added.

12. Leather-bound volume listing income of Santa Maria in Posterula 1837-53. On the fly-leaf 'Il libro vecchio del Saldo Conti: il quale dovrebbe essere ben conservato.'

13. A massive leather bound volume, indexed, giving lists of people and properties connected with the income of Posterula, 1851-75. Only 80 pages used.

14. 'Giornale dell' Introito ed Esito del V. Collegio degli Agostiniani Irlandesi di S. Maria in Posterula.' 1831-55.

- 15 Continuation of the preceding volume, 1856-79.

16. Account-book of Santa Maria in Posterula, Oct, 1851-Aug. 1867.

17. Folder of documents—petitions to the pope, 1871-4; financial and legal documents, 1831.

18. 'Records of Irish Augustinians in Rome, 1875-1936.'

An official diary kept by the senior student of Posterula. Is one of the most valuable records in the archives. The diary in another volume is being continued to the present day.

19. Mass-book of Santa Maria in Posterula, 1869-1890.
  20. Mass-book of Santa Maria in Posterula, 1851-68.
  21. Folder of letters and papers of Rev. Mr. Sheehy, author of *Reminiscences of Rome*. Mid-nineteenth century. Do not appear important.
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  27. Folder of legal and financial documents, 1832-99.
  28. Account-book of Posterula, Sept. 1867—June 1882.
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35. 'Libro dei Conti del Vc. Collegio di S. Maria in Posterula, 1880.' Jan. 1880—Dec. 1895.
  36. Massive leather-bound volume giving lists of subscriptions towards the building of St. Patrick's, Oct. 1886—Oct. 1890. First subscription is Pope Leo XIII, the second is Archbishop M'Gettigan of Armagh.
  37. Massive leather-bound volume. Subscriptions towards the building of St. Patrick's, 1894-7. Indexed according to dioceses.
  38. Folder of documents, legal and financial. 1870—.
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55. Account-book of St. Patrick's, Oct. 1899—March 1922.
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A meeting of the committee of the Catholic Record Society of Ireland was held in Newman House, St. Stephen's Green, on Friday 14 May at 3 p.m. The members present were Right Rev. Mgr. Kissane, Right Rev. Mgr. Curran, Very Rev. P. J. MacLaughlin, Rev. C. Kearns, O.P., Rev. John Brady, Rev. Thomas Fee, Professor R. Dudley Edwards, Editor and Treasurer. An apology was received from Professor T. Desmond Williams.

Right Rev. Mgr. Kissane took the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

The editor reported that vols. XVI and XVII had been published since the last meeting. He called attention particularly to Fr. Brady's contributions, which had aroused wide interest, testified to by the fact that vol. XVI was now out of print. Fr. Brady's material was being printed as an appendix with independent pagination, and 250 extra sheets of each instalment were being printed, with a view to publishing the complete collection ultimately as a separate volume. He apologised for the fact that there was no issue of *Archivium Hibernicum* in the spring of 1954. This was due to the combination of a number of unfortunate circumstances, which he trusted was unlikely to be repeated.

The treasurer reported that the society had in hands the sum of £674.7.1. The finances, however, could not be considered satisfactory while the annual printing bill could not be met by annual subscriptions. In fact, each issue of *Archivium Hibernicum* now costs more than ten shillings to print. There were three possibilities—a smaller annual issue, an increase in the annual subscription, or an increase in the number of subscribers. The last of these was obviously the most desirable. The society now had 263 ordinary and 34 life members. Special thanks were due to Right Rev. Mgr. Curran, through whose good offices His Excellency the President of Ireland had honoured the society by becoming a life member, and to Rev. John Brady, who had secured many additional members since the last meeting.

Both reports were adopted. In the discussion which followed, the



question of granting life membership to moral bodies was raised. It was agreed that to admit them to life membership on the same terms as individuals involved the society in heavier commitments. No final decision was taken on the matter.

Arising out of the minutes, the committee discussed the estimate of Messrs. M. H. Gill and Son of 25s. per page for a photographic reprint of Rev. Paul Walsh's *Flight of the Earls*. It was agreed that such an undertaking was altogether beyond the resources of the Society.

A discussion followed on the position with regard to the Annates. The secretary reported that he hoped the Annates of Ferns would be ready for inclusion in the next issue, and that a beginning had been made with the Annates for various other dioceses. He undertook to enquire into the progress of the work and to report on it to the next meeting.

The treasurer, Rev. Dr. Ahern, then expressed his wish to retire from office. The chairman paid tribute to the zeal and efficiency with which he had discharged his duties, and tendered to him the sincere gratitude of the society. On the proposal of Professor Edwards, Dr. Ahern was appointed auditor of the society, and, on Dr. Ahern's proposal, Rev. T. Fee, M.A., Lic. Sc. Hist., Lecturer in Modern History, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, was appointed treasurer.

Arising out of a letter from Professor Edwards, the editor of *Archivium Hibernicum* was appointed representative of the society on the Irish Catholic Historical Committee. Rev. B. Jennings, O.F.M., sought permission to reprint the portion of the Prague Papers already printed in *Archivium Hibernicum*, or alternatively, asked that the society undertake to complete publication in the near future. Permission to reprint was granted. A letter from Rev. P. Mulligan, secretary of the Clogher Historical Society, sought permission to reprint from time to time material relating to the diocese of Clogher published in *Archivium Hibernicum*. After a discussion, it was agreed that, while no general permission could be granted, especially in view of the financial position of the Catholic Record Society, the committee were willing to consider requests for the reprinting of individual items from past issues.

Professor Edwards raised the question of printing an annual report, and after discussion it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings of the committee should be printed in *Archivium Hibernicum*.

Right Rev. Mgr. Curran informed the meeting that it was proposed to establish a diocesan historical committee in Dublin, and spoke of the possibility of co-operation between this committee and the Catholic Record Society. The society offered its good wishes to the new Dublin Diocesan Historical Committee, and to its chairman, Right Rev. Mgr. Curran.

## II

This issue contains the first fruits of co-operation with the Irish Catholic Historical Committee in the shape of the reports on the San Clemente Archives, the Franciscan Library, Killiney, and the Irish Augustinian Archives, Rome. The first and third of these were drawn up at the instance of the Committee, which has also generously contributed the cost

of printing all three. As for the rest of the issue, Fr. Jennings and Fr. Brady need no introduction ; the society is happy to be able to resume publication of the Annates, and feels certain that the contribution of Fr. Cathaldus Giblin will be a very welcome beginning of co-operation with the work being done by the National Library in the Papal Archives.

Finally, sincere thanks are due to the students who helped so manfully with the index. They lightened a very burdensome task.

PATRICK J. CORISH

Matthew Penefather, Esq ; mayor of Cashel and Benjamin Lockwood, Esq ; one of his majesty's justices of the peace for county Tipperary.

James Fitzpatrick, Esq ; the Rev. Mr. Smithwick, parish priest of St. Patrick's and several other Roman Catholic gentlemen of this city, have likewise taken and subscribed the said oath before the worshipful John Watters, Esq ; mayor. (*F.D.J.*)

26 Dec. Kilkenny. Dec. 23. Last Tuesday an adjournment of the Quarter Sessions for this county was held at Castlecomer, before Henry La Rive, Esq ; and the Rev. Chamberlain Walker, justices of the peace for this county, when the principal Roman Catholic gentlemen of that neighbourhood took and subscribed the new test oath . . . . Same day the Rev. Alexander Cahill, parish priest of Ballyraggett, and the Rev. John Byrne, parish priest of Freshford, took and subscribed the above oath at Ballyraggett, before Sir Robert Staples, Bart., one of his majesty's justices of the peace. (*F.D.J.*)

27 Dec. Limerick, 18 Dec. Yesterday, the Rev. Patrick Prendergast, a priest of the Church of Rome, renounced the Popish communion and embraced the Protestant religion at Kilmurry church, before the Rev. Jacques Ingram. (*H.J.*)

30 Dec. Corke, Dec 21. Late last Sunday night seven men well armed, with their faces blackened, broke into the house of the Rev. Francis Callinan, near Timoleague, and robbed him of his watch, shoes, buckles and other articles, with which they made off. (*F.D.J.*)

31 Dec. Cahir, Dec. 18. This day a respectable number of the Roman Catholics assembled in this town to give testimony of their allegiance . . . before James Butler of Kilcommon and William Hayes, Esqrs. two of his majesty's justices of the peace, who obligingly attended upon this occasion. Dr. Egan, and all the clergy of the neighbourhood, Edmund Power of Garnevella, Richard Butler of Kelogue, Richard Dogherty of Loghlora, Esqrs, and all the principal gentlemen hereabouts, who were not in the way to take the oath at Clonmell last assizes, took it, and subscribed it here, with the utmost cheerfulness.

On Tuesday the 26th of December inst. the Rev. Wm Allen, parish priest of Trim, Mr. James Hughes, Mr. John Allen, Mr. Philip Rielly and Mr. Robert Russel, assembled at the house of the Rev. Mr. Allen, where they gave a public testimony of their allegiance . . . by taking and subscribing the new test oath . . . And also many others of the inhabitants and neighbourhood,

will take the first opportunity of doing the like. (*F.D.J.*)

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6 *Jan.* Extract from a letter from Dungarvan, Dec. 18. 'This day the principal Roman Catholics of the town, and its environs met at the sessions-house, and gave testimony of their allegiance . . . before a respectable number of justices, who obligingly attended ; amongst these Roman Catholics were six priests. In the evening the justices and a number of gentlemen adjourned to the Crown Inn, dined and drank many loyal toasts.' The Rev. Mr Baron, parish priest of Maryborough, and several respectable Roman Catholics of the Queen's co. have taken and subscribed the new test oath, before Col. Fitzgerald, Esq ; as did the Rev. Dr. Colleton, parish priest of Mountmellick, before Wm. Despard, Esq. (*F.D.J.*)

25 *Jan.* Died at Sligo, Mr. Dominick Halinon, a Romish clergyman. (*F.J.*)

13 *Feb.* Sligo. Last Friday, about eight o'clock, a most violent storm arose here, accompanied with a heavy rain, which continued with very little intermission until twelve . . . Near Banada, Mr. James Gallagher, a Romish clergyman, going from one village to another, was found smothered the next morning. (*H.M.*)

17 *Feb.* To the Public. We whose names are hereunto subscribed, the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the parishes of St. Doulagh's, Baldoyle, Coolock, Swords, and Howth . . . having read and heard several base insinuations, particularly those set forth in the *Dublin Mercury*, printed by Mr. James Hoey on Saturday the 3d instant, insinuating that our worthy neighbour, Sir Edward Newenham,<sup>1</sup> knight, residing in the parish of Belgriffin, did act in the manner set forth in said paper, or in an improper manner, at the Well of St. Doulagh's, do declare the said insinuation false and without foundation ; that, on the contrary, the said Sir Edward Newenham only prevented for one or two Sundays the riots committed by those persons, who came to drink liquors and riot at said well ; nor did the said gentleman ever interrupt the devotion of us Roman Catholics, either at said well, or at our usual place of worship, nor deface our altar-piece ; on the contrary, some years ago, he gave wax lights, and an elegant piece of painting to ornament the altar of the chapel of Coolock.

As in duty bound we make the truth known, in order to remove

<sup>1</sup> *V. supra*, p. 122.



any wrong impressions that might have been made by such false reports, calculated only to serve particular purposes at this particular period. We do most thankfully acknowledge Sir Edward Newenham's unwearied and impartial pains to reconcile all disputes amongst his neighbours of every denomination, for, in the distribution of justice, the Protestants and Roman Catholics found equal protection from him.

We most heartily pray Almighty God and our Blessed Saviour to reward him for his constantly, twice in every year, feeding from ten to twenty of the poor of both communions, and for his humanity, in times of distress, in giving coals, fuel and hay (for their cattle) to the necessitous poor, and such charity we more admire, as he continued it, even after the loss of a considerable part of his annual income.

Patrick M'Loughlin, parish priest of Coolock. William Green, curate of Coolock. James Moran, parish priest of Baldoyle, Howth and St. Doulagh's. James O'Reily, parish priest of Swords. [With 53 names of laity.] (*F.J.*)

26 *Feb.* Died at Clone, in the Queen's county, Mr. Edmund Fitzpatrick, a Romish clergyman of Upper-woons. (*H.J.*)

26 *Feb.* Died at Kilcock, in the county of Kildare, Mr. John M'Kenna, a Romish clergyman of that place. (*H.J.*)

2 *March.* Died, at Newry, the Rev. James Hacket. He was 50 years a curate. (*F.J.*)

15 *March.* Died at Cloghrea, in the co. of Corke, Mr. Darby O'Donoghue, a Romish clergyman. (*H.J.*)

1 *April.* We hear from Clara, in the King's county, that last Wednesday, [27] a number of White Boys broke into the house of the Rev. Mr. Gahagan, titular Bishop of —, <sup>1</sup> as it is thought with intention to rob and murder him; but this gentleman being prepared, fired from above stairs on them, killed one of the desperate villains, and the rest fled with precipitation. The dead man proves to be a notorious leader of the White Boys. The cause generally assigned for the attack on this gentleman is, for having from the altar admonished those deluded wretches to desist from their depredations. (*H.J.*)

1 *April.* A few days ago, a man and his wife, both French, read their recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion in St. Peter's French church, before the Rev. Mr. Bessenet; as did Patrick Delany, in the parish church of Corclone, near Stradbally, before the Rev. Joseph Casan (*H.J.*)

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Geoghegan was titular bishop of Madaura and coadjutor of Meath.

3 *April*. The Rev. Mr. Geoghegan (who killed the White Boy as mentioned in our last) is coadjutor Bishop of Meath, and lives near the Moat of Grenough, in the county of Westmeath. (*H.J.*)

3 *April*. As the White Boy act will receive the royal assent next Saturday [6] it is of the utmost importance to be generally known, that people may not inadvertently incur any of the pains and penalties to be inflicted thereby . . . . It empowers all magistrates to search for and seize arms and ammunition in the possession of all Papists or reputed Papists . . . (*H.J.*)

9 *April*. Died, near Galway, the Rev. Dr. Robert Kirwin.<sup>1</sup> (*F.J.*)

11 *April*. Died, at Kilkenny, the Rev. Mr. Patrick Magennis, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

18 *April*. Died, in Paris, of a purple fever, the Rev. Mr. James O'Keeffe. (*F.J.*)

29 *April*. Died, at the Boarding School, Channel-row, Mrs Sarah Dillon. (*H.J.*)

30 *April*. William Weldon of Gravelmount, Co. Meath, renounced the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion in the parish church of St. Peter.<sup>2</sup> (*F.D.J.*)

11 *May*. Sat. May 4. At night four fellows with pistols, supposed to be recruits, stopped the Rev. Mr. Morgan on Arran quay, and robbed him of his watch and cash. (*F.J.*)

11 *May*. Sunday last Margaret Claghassy read her recantation in the parish church of St. Mary, Kilkenny, before the Rev. John Rose, and embraced the Protestant religion. (*F.J.*)

22 *May*. On Sunday the 12th inst. Dennis Fullen read his recantation in the church of Mountmellick, before the Rev. Peter Westerna, and embraced the Protestant religion. (*F.J.*)

8 *June*. The 15th and 16th ult. the Roman Catholic gentlemen of the barony of Iveragh, in the county of Kerry, took the new oath of allegiance to his majesty, before Rowland Blennerhasset of Cahir, Esq; one of his majesty's justices of the peace, for said county. (*F.L.J.*)

19 *June*. Died, at Waterford, the Rev. Mr Patrick Phelan, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

20 *July*. Died, at Carlow, the Rev. Mr John Dowling, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

7 *Aug*. Trim assizes ended a maiden one, and Mr Edward

<sup>1</sup> Bishop of Achonry. See his will, *Arch. Hib.*, ii. 224-6.

<sup>2</sup> A preliminary to his marriage to Miss Isabella Fleming, daughter of John Fleming, Esq., of Staholmock, co. Meath, a Protestant, which is noted in *H.J.*, 12 June.

Flood of Cherry Vally, Esq. gentleman, was indicted on the Papist act for carrying arms, and was most honourably acquitted. (*F.J.*)

24 *Aug.* Died, suddenly at Ballyfin in the Queen's county, the Rev. Mr Colleton, parish priest of said place. (*F.L.J.*)

31 *Aug.* The account of the death of the Rev. Mr Colleton, parish priest of Ballyfin, copied from the Carlow paper, proves to be a mistake ; that gentleman being in perfect health. (*F.L.J.*)

11 *Sept.* Carlow, Sept. 7. Yesterday our assizes ended . . . Michael Timmin for stealing a pair of plated spurs out of the house of the Rev. Edmund Doyle, acquitted . . . (*F.L.J.*)

14 *Sept.* On Sunday the 1st inst. Katherine Molloy, renounced the Popish communion and embraced the Protestant religion in the church of Mountmellick, before the Rev. Peter Westerna. (*F.L.J.*)

28 *Sept.* Died on Wednesday evening, [25] at his house in Maudlin street, Kilkenny, the Rev. Doctor Thomas Burke<sup>1</sup> titular Bishop of Ossory, whose death is universally lamented. He was humane, charitable, affable and sincere ; and a gentleman of extensive knowledge. (*F.L.J.*)

4 *Oct.* In consequence of the Popish jubilee, a microscope, which had been stolen about three years ago, was returned to a lady ; and two English shillings were brought to a man in Suffolk-street. (*H.J.*)

4 *Oct.* Nicholas Hussey of the city of Dublin, gent., renounced the errors of the Church of Rome and embraced the Protestant religion. (*H.J.*)

9 *Nov.* Kilkenny. Early on Monday morning [4] the body of the Rev. Mr Smithwick, parish priest of St. Patrick's, was found in the waste ground, at the north-west side of St. John's bridge, near the water slip. The coroner's inquest sat on his body, and brought in the verdict, accidental death. He was a gentleman universally beloved, and his untimely death is most sincerely lamented. (*H.M.*)

25 *Nov.* 16. On Friday last [15] Mr. Dunning moved the court of king's-bench [London] for an information against David Wilmot, Esq ; and another justice of the peace for Middlesex, for refusing to compel two persons to take the oaths, who had been charged to be Roman Catholics, when Lord Mansfield refused Mr. Dunning's motion, at the same time expressing his indignation at this attempt to revive the severity of those very penal laws. (*H.J.*)

<sup>1</sup> See his will *Arch. Hib.*, iv. 92-3.

25 *Nov.* On Sunday the 10th inst. Miss Martha Carroll of Kildadda in the county of Tipperary read her recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion in the parish of Ballingarry, in said county, before Rev John Smith. (*H.J.*)

13 *Dec.* Died, a few days ago, occasioned by a fall from his horse, the Rev. Mr Thornton, parish priest of Faughart, co. Louth. (*H.J.*)

18 *Dec.* On Sunday the 8th inst. Mary Donoghoe and Anne Gaffney renounced the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion, in the parish church of Mullingar, before the Rev. Robert Ross, curate of said parish. (*H.J.*)

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6 *Jan.* We, his majesty's peaceable, dutiful and Roman Catholic subjects,<sup>1</sup> living in the neighbourhood and town of Athboy, do think it incumbent upon us to declare, that we have through the course and progress of the licentious and disorderly risings in said town, constantly disapproved, and expressed our abhorrence of them, and are ready to co-operate, in common with every good subject in subduing this profligate spirit, so dangerous in its tendency to the peace and good order of the place.

What our worthy and very respectable Protestant neighbours declare in their advertisement of the 27th inst. is not less true than just, in that particular paragraph where they say 'they believe religious distinctions were totally unconcerned.' What really gave birth to those lawless measures, was an opposition set on foot by an obscure, misguided, but numerous set of ruffians in said town against their Superior, in favour of a priest, who supported only by those people, would establish himself amongst them. Their obstinacy in this opposition growing every day stronger and more daring, those reprobates shut up their chapel, and for months did not permit it to be frequented. And to this riotous and disorderly spirit are those disturbances truly to be attributed.

We cannot forbear returning thanks to our worthy and very respectable Protestant neighbours, for the justice they have in their advertisement done us; and we shall be ever ready to pay every regard to that confidence and harmony in which we are

<sup>1</sup> This letter is signed by twenty-four Catholics. The Protestant advertisement to which it refers is signed by thirty persons. A long letter from 'a friend to injured innocence and offended justice' throwing more light on the same incident appears in the same paper 5 March 1777.



desirous and wish ever to live with them. December 30th 1776. (H.J.)

22 Jan. Died at Wexford, the Rev. Nicholas White, a Romish clergyman, formerly of Cook-street chapel. (H.J.)

22 Jan. Died in Ash-street, the Rev. Mr. Dignan, a Romish clergyman. (H.J.)

1 Feb. To his Excellency SIMON Earl Harcourt, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble ADDRESS of the Roman Catholics of Ireland.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, the Roman Catholics of Ireland, no inconsiderable part of his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects in this kingdom, beg leave humbly to offer our unfeigned acknowledgments to your Excellency for the lenity and protection, which we have experienced under the mild government of our most gracious Sovereign, during the period of your Excellency's wise and just administration.

We are in common with the rest of our fellow subjects, grateful for the many beneficial and wise laws that have been passed under your Excellency's auspices for the advantage of this kingdom, and we deem ourselves peculiarly fortunate, that a law, which offers an additional test, by tendering an oath, which has been voluntarily and joyfully taken by all or most of our respectable brethren and clergy, hath received the Royal assent, during your Excellency's residence in this kingdom.

It is also matter of peculiar exultation to us to find, that whilst this kingdom hath been occasionally disturbed by tumultuous risings of promiscuous miscreants from every denomination of religion, and whilst an unnatural rebellion hath detracted his Majesty's Colonies, your Excellency has seen the body of Irish Roman Catholics, uniformly peaceable, in their deportment, obedient to the laws, and loyal to his Majesty.

We cannot therefore avoid entertaining a flattering hope, that a conduct on our part resulting from the deepest sense of gratitude, for the many instances we have felt of your Excellency's tenderness and humanity, will meet a favourable reception, and be interpreted as the strongest proof of our sincerity and attachment, and when represented to his Majesty, will produce in his royal breast, sensations of approbation, and favour advantageous and honourable to the King's dominions in general, and particularly salutary to the kingdom of Ireland.

Signed by us, for the Roman Catholics of Ireland, Dublin, this

24th of January, 1777.

Gormanston,  
Joseph Barnewall,  
Anthony Dermott,  
Edward Moore,  
Robert Caddell,  
Michael Sweetman,

Fingall,  
Trimbleston,  
William Cooke,  
William O'Reilly,  
John Bagot,  
J. M. Daly.

(F.J.)

10 Feb. Died in Mallow-lane, Cork, the Rev. Daniel Cunningham, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (H.J.)

18 Feb. Thursday [13] the Roman Catholics waited on his excellency the Lord Lieutenant to congratulate him on his safe arrival to take upon him the government of this kingdom. (F.J.)

18 Feb. Sunday morning a gentlewoman had her pocket picked in the front gallery of Lazer's-hill chapel, of a green silk purse with three guineas, nine shillings and an Exchange ticket in it. It is remarkable that though this practice is notoriously carried on at the different chapels of this city, yet the ladies still afford these infernal agents daily opportunities of offending by carrying money &c. about them to these places of worship. (F.J.)

28 Feb. Died at Dungannon, deservedly lamented, the Rev. Bernard Devlin, a Romish clergyman. (H.J.)

11 March. To his Excellency JOHN EARL of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland. The Humble ADDRESS of the ROMAN CATHOLICKS of IRELAND.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Roman Catholics of Ireland, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival and your appointment to the Government of this kingdom, and we look upon it as a new and signal proof of his Majesty's continued kindness and concern for its general welfare that he had placed in that eminent station a nobleman equally distinguished for his ability and inclination to promote so important an object.

Grateful for that lenity which has been extended to us ever since the happy accession of his Majesty's illustrious family to the throne of these kingdoms, we have been careful to demonstrate by our conduct the sincerity of those professions of duty and allegiance which heretofore have been made by us to his Majesty's person and government. And we humbly presume that our perseverance in such conduct (which shall only end with our lives) may entitle

us to hope for a continuance of that lenity, and for such further favour and encouragement as our real and permanent loyalty may be thought worthy of receiving.

Firmly persuaded from his Majesty's paternal affection for his people, and from his Excellency's extensive benevolence, that the object of your administration can be no other but the general good of all his Majesty's dutiful subjects of this kingdom, we will cordially exert our most strenuous endeavours (as far as we are unrestrained by law) for the peaceable and happy success of all your undertakings for his Majesty's and kingdom's service; and conscious of these our zealous and upright intentions, we cheerfully commit ourselves to your Excellency's humane and generous protection.

Signed by us for the Roman Catholics of Ireland, Dublin,  
Feb. 13, 1777.

Fingall,

Gormanston,

Trimbleston,

William Cook,

John White,

Robert Caddell,

John Curry.

James Reynolds,

Michael Sweetman,

Robert Netterville,

Anthony Dermott,

John Baggott,

Edward Moore,

William O'Reily. (*F.J.*)

24 *March*. Died at Swords, the Rev. Mr James Reilly, parish priest of the said place. (*H.J.*)

31 *March*. Died at Newry, in the 82nd year of his age, the Rev. James M'Mahon, titular parish priest of Inniskeen. (*H.J.*)

18 *April*. Died at Maynooth, the Rev. Clement Kelly,<sup>1</sup> a Romish clergyman. (*H.J.*)

2 *May*. Died in Wexford, the Rev. Edward Keating, a clergyman of the Church of Rome, and parish priest of Wexford. (*H.J.*)

24 *May*. On the 18th inst. Mr James Hogan renounced the errors of the Church of Rome and embraced the Protestant established religion before the Rev. Humphry Minchin in the parish church of Roscrea. (*F.D.J.*)

14 *June*. Corke, June 9. Yesterday Mr. Miles Pluck read his recantation from the Church of Rome at Carrigrohan church. (*F.J.*)

29 *July*. Doctor Coleman who was last assizes convicted at Dundalk, for carrying arms, being a Papist, and who was sentenced to pay a fine, and suffer twelve months imprisonment, received his majesty's most gracious pardon. (*F.D.J.*)

<sup>1</sup> *V. supra*, p. 82.

11 *Aug.* Trim. Aug. 5. This day Simon Strong<sup>1</sup> was tried on an indictment found against him some time ago, on the examination of his brother, Andrew Strong, for being a Popish priest, and was honourably acquitted, the jury finding it an unnatural and malicious prosecution, calculated to deprive him of his paternal property. (*H.J.*)

22 *Aug.* Died [at Cork?] the Rev. Timothy Aghern, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

22 *Aug.* Died at Kinsale, the Rev. Daniel Sullivan, parish priest of said place.

*Sept.* Died at Clonmell, the Rev. Connor Fennessy. (*H.M.*)

*Sept.* Died, the Rev. Ignatius Daly, one of the titular vicars of Galway. (*H.M.*)

*Sept.* Died on Arran quay, the Rev. Dr Neale, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.M.*)

14 *Sept.* County of Wexford. Whereas the most pernicious consequences are daily experienced from those alleged meetings called Patrons or Popish pilgrimages<sup>2</sup>; now we the high sheriff and grand jury of the county of Wexford, at the summer assizes assembled do . . . recommend it to all magistrates to be active and vigilant in suppressing such illegal assemblies, and putting the laws into execution against all persons frequenting the same, and particularly persons erecting booths, or exposing drink, victuals or other commodities to sale . . . (*F.J.*)

2 *Oct.* [Long letter.] . . . It is really astonishing to think how far the force of our prejudice against Catholics has carried us, and what a wretched policy it has established in this country. There is no nation more capable by nature of great commerce, and great cultivation, and we find it destitute of both. Whenever a bill is brought into parliament here, to put Papists upon something like level with the rest of their fellow-subjects, and of course to promote national prosperity, their opposers are instantly up in arms; and the rebellion of 1641, and the revolution of 1688, &c. &c. are trumpeted out as instances of Popish principles . . .

The most warm advocates for the Popery laws do not wish to see them put into execution, and this appears to me to be a tacit concession that they are too severe. The magistrate, when compelled to it, enforces them with reluctance, which is a strong acknowledgment that he thinks the end of them answered. What benefit do they now produce to the community? Do they en-

<sup>1</sup> See *Arch. Hib.* viii. 221; ix. 8-9; and *I.E.R.* Jan. 1944 pp. 19-24.

<sup>2</sup> See *Arch. Hib.* iii. 118.



crease religious uniformity? No. Do they promote the peace and concord of society? No.—The cultivation of the country? No.—The riches, strength or fidelity of the people? No.—What then have they produced? Barrenness to our lands, indigence and animosity, divisions and immorality amongst the natives . . . . (F.J.)

3 Nov. Died in Mallow-lane, Cork, the Rev. Mr Morrough, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (H.J.)

17 Nov. Died at Munfin, near Enniscorthy, the Rev. Mr Cary. (H.J.)

19 Nov. Died at his house in Capel street, on the 16th inst. Mr Oliver Hely, apothecary, a man of the greatest integrity, whose narrow circumstances and disappointments in life prevented his being known and receiving from the public those acknowledgments that were justly due to his sense and great abilities. He became a convert from the errors of the Popish Church many years ago from conviction. He was nearly related to the right hon. the Provost. He has left a widow and two infant orphans in the most deplorable circumstances. (H.J.)

29 Dec. [Letter.] . . . the foremost of these plans [of the government] is the raising four regiments of Papists in this kingdom to be sent, early in the spring, to America<sup>1</sup> . . . . As there has not been any mention made to the Houses of Parliament, it seems probable there is no intention to ask the consent of either to this extraordinary proceeding. It may have been told to his majesty, that it was a part of his royal prerogative to recruit his armies from this kingdom, without applying to his parliament . . . How far his prerogative may extend to raising recruits here amongst his Protestant subjects, I will not at present enquire; but I am confident the levying his Popish subjects is against law, against expediency, and against true policy.

It is certainly contrary to law, for by the present acts against the growth of Popery, no Papist can carry arms; nor can any one of that denomination hold any office, civil or military, under the government. It is true, the Lord Chancellor, on some particular occasions, may grant a licence to a Papist to bear arms, but surely our ministers do not intend to get licences for every man in four regiments. But if even that obstacle could be got over, how are these men to be officered? Not by Protestant officers surely. And for Papists to receive the king's commission, without taking the oaths of supremacy, allegiance, and abjuration,

<sup>1</sup> America had declared her independence 4 July 1776.

and without receiving the sacrament in an untransubstantiated manner would be flying in the face of the Test Act, and incurring a *praemunire* . . .

As it is illegal, so also is it inexpedient, for if carried into execution will not answer the end proposed. The manifest design of this measure is to reinforce the royal army in America, and enable it to vanquish the continental forces. But here it will fail. It may indeed add to the numbers of the royal army, but will be no addition to its strength, because it can never act cordially or effectually in concert with the other troops. Such English officers and soldiers as have not entirely bowed their necks to the yoke of despotism, will look on the Papists as invaders of the constitution. The Scotch soldiers, who are chiefly Presbyterians will hold them in detestation; and the German troops, who are Lutherans, will not relish them a whit better than the Calvinists. . . . Thus, whilst in garrison or in camp, they will have constant bickerings and dissensions, and in the field they will never heartily support one another.

The raising of Papist regiments may also be proved to be contrary to sound policy. It will be depriving the provinces of Munster and Connaught of many useful hands which are now innocently employed. It will be teaching discipline and the use of arms to numbers of men, who, for the public safety of this realm, ought never to be acquainted with either. The American war cannot last for ever. We shall either subdue the Americans or shall be forced to withdraw our forces, and relinquish the attempt. In either case, what is to be done with the Papist regiments? If they return in arms they may be very dangerous inmates; two thousand disciplined men may discipline ten thousand more, and then what will become of the Protestant security? . . . . . (F.J.)

## 1778

15 *Jan.* Died near Carrick, county of Kilkenny, the Rev Mr Lanigan, parish priest of Owning. (F.J.)

22 *Jan.* Died a few days ago in Corke, the Rev William English. (F.J.)

24 *Jan.* Died in Mary's-lane, the Rev Mr Moran, a Romish clergyman, who belonged many years to the chapel in that lane. (F.J.)

28 *Jan.* Monday se'nnight [17] the Rev Mr Donovan, a Romish clergyman, was attacked by three footpads near the College stables

in College-street, and robbed of his watch, shoe and knee-buckles, and between 20 and 30 shillings in cash, with which they got off. (*H.J.*)

4 *Feb.* Died at Ballyshannon, near Limerick, the Rev Dr Kearney, titular Bishop of Limerick. (*H.J.*)

13 *Feb.* Died, on his estate in the kingdom of Granada, in Spain, in the 85th year of his age, Don Richard Wall, a native of this kingdom, lieutenant-general in his Catholic majesty's service, and formerly ambassador extraordinary from the king of Spain to Great Britain. (*H.J.*)

18 *March.* A letter from the Rev. Mr O'Sullivan, an Irish Roman Catholic clergyman, and rector of the parish of Draney, near Paris, has been received by the last French mail, which positively asserts the news of a treaty of allegiance and re-union between Great Britain and her colonies being already on the carpet, and almost concluded, by messers Franklin, Deane and Lee, on the one part, and Lord Stormont, on the other, by and through the mediation of his excellency the Count de Berkenrode, ambassador from the States General of Holland, at the court of France. (*F.L.J.*)

7 *April.* Last Thursday [2] a most dutiful address and declaration of loyalty was presented to his excellency the Lord Lieutenant, from the principal Roman Catholic inhabitants of the Co. Lowth, by the Rev. Thomas Woolsey, chaplain to the Earl of Clanbrassill, and was most graciously received. (*F.J.*)

8 *April.* Died, near Carrickmacross, the Rev Doctor Daniel O'Reilly, titular Bishop of the diocese of Clogher. (*H.J.*)

2 *May.* On Monday night last some sacrilegious villains broke into the chapel of John's-lane. (*F.J.*)

7 *May.* Died in Loughrea, Mrs Bridget Daly, a religious of the order of Carmelites. (*F.J.*)

8 *May.* Died at Killagh, near Loughrea, the Rev Dr Peter Donnellan, titular Bishop of Clonfert, aged near 100. (*H.J.*)

22 *June.* Died at Kilkenny, by a fall from his horse, the Rev Mr Stapleton, parish priest of Gowran. (*H.J.*)

20 *July.* Died at Doughnamore, in an advanced age, the Rev David Noonan, parish priest of said place. (*H.J.*)

23 *July.* Died at Cashel, the Rev. Mr Butler, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*D.E.P.*)

23 *July.* Extract of a letter from Cork, dated July 19. ' On the account of Riggs Falkiner, Esq ; being promoted to the baronetage of this kingdom, the greatest joy was shewn in this town by the ringing of bells, bonfires, &c. &c. &c. The regiment of True

Blues, commanded by the Earl of Shannon, was drawn up on the mall and fired several vollies on the occasion. They afterwards retired to the King's Arms, where they gave a most elegant entertainment to the new baronet, and drank the following memorable and glorious toasts, viz. Sir Riggs Falkiner, Bart. and the house of Ann-Mount.—Mr Serjeant Wood; and may the Protestants of Ireland, never want so able a defender of their rights and privileges.—The Earl of Shannon and the True Blues; and may he have always influence enough to keep out Popish representatives.—Colonel Richard Longfield, and the Aughrims, and may he be always able to get a Presbyterian petition against Popery.—Colonel Jephson, and the Boynes; and that he may not lose his pension on account of voting for his noble master.—A Protestant government to Ireland, and a down fall to all those that supported the Popery bill; and several other memorable toasts . . . ' (D.E.P.)

4 Aug. Extract of a letter from Amyas Griffith, Esq; to his friend in Dublin, dated Bridgetown, July 30th, 1778.

To such a vast height is our military disposition arrived, that incredible numbers of Papists are every day recanting in this province, [Munster] in order to get into different associations, and be entitled to dress and walk *a la militaire*; and upon my honour, I but the other day mistook a taylor for a certain lieutenant-colonel. The ladies are ruined by this unlucky spirit's prevailing, for, as the gentlemen of the army were the chief objects of their attention, it may happen now in walking, or in public meetings, Miss may be engaged in small chat with a good military cobbler, in regimentals, whom the dear innocent had taken for a major, and whom she would not so much as look at, were he not *en garbe militaire* from head to foot. It is really astonishing to see quondam ragged wretches, who would formerly no more wear ruffles and cue-wigs, than they'd wear halters, now strutting in regimentals, sword, or bayonet, tailed wig, edged ruffles, &c. &c....(D.E.P.)

8 Aug. We hear that the government of this kingdom, in imitation of their brethren in England, intend raising three regiments of Roman Catholics, to be commanded by Irish officers of the same persuasion. The colonels talked of, are the Lords Kenmare, Caher, and a Mr. Fitzgerald, a gentleman of great interest in the province of Munster. It is also said, that each of these would be able, from mere personal and family attachment, to have their respective compliments ready in less than a fortnight.

As a war with France seems inevitable, it is hoped such noble-



men and gentlemen as have a love for their country, will discard all their domestics, who are natural born subjects of our enemies. Most, if not all of them are Papists ; and it is very probable that many of them may act as spies, as it is very natural to suppose they would give every intelligence that may be of any service to their own country. (*D.E.P.*)

11 *Aug.* Some may wonder that so many of the nobility and gentry of this kingdom should be so forward to second the views of government in voting for the Popery bill ; but that conduct will cease to be a wonder to those who reflect that many of them, by extravagance and other means, are become very needy. In the present calamitous situation of affairs, there were few purchasers for their lands, and they knew if this bill passed it would raise the price and increase the number of bidders. We may say of buyers, for though the act enables them only to take leases, yet it is well known the rent may be so fined down as to amount to very little less than a purchase. (*D.E.P.*)

13 *Aug.* The lower class of Papists will be rather injured by the passing of the Popery bill ; for the wealthy of their tribe will get possession of every foot of ground now let in small lots, and then will farm it out at a rack-rent. This, most undoubtedly, will be one of the bad effects of a bill which has set the public so much at variance. (*D.E.P.*)

18 *Aug.* Died, in the boarding-school, King-street, Oxmantown, Miss Margaret Moore. (*D.E.P.*)

22 *Aug.* Shinrone, King's Co. Brooks, the priest, marched into the town at the head of a mob of above two hundred, with an intent to murder Richard Palmer, Esq. of the Queen's county, with whom he had some altercation a short time before. They paraded the streets for a long time, offering a reward of £5 for the head of a Protestant ; this so exasperated the neighbouring gentlemen that they formed themselves into a body of horse. They have nailed up the chapel doors, and are determined to prevent Mass ever being celebrated there again ; the priest and several of the rioters have been taken, and are to stand their trial at the ensuing assizes. (*H.M.*)

24 *Aug.* Died, Doctor Augustus Chevers, titular Bishop of Meath, in the 92d year of his age. (*H.J.*)

29 *Aug.* Kilkenny. *Aug.* 26. Saturday [25] a great number of the most respectable Roman Catholics of this county and city attended at the county-court there, before the Rt. Hon. the Attorney General, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance and declara-

tion prescribed by an act passed in this kingdom in the 13th and 14th year of his majesty's reign, conformable to the act of the last sessions for the relief of his majesty's Roman Catholic subjects. (D.E.P.)

29 Aug. *To the reverend, the Roman Catholic pastors, and superiors, in the diocese of Dublin.*

Rev. Sirs,

We require you to read the underneath exhortation to your respective congregations, next Sunday, from your altars, and to inculcate on every proper occasion, both in private and public, the doctrines and sentiments contained in it; also, to continue to recommend to the flock, to offer up their prayers for his most gracious majesty, the royal family, and the chief governor of this kingdom.

Dublin, Aug. 19. 1778.

J.C.

Dear Christians, At a time when our most gracious legislature are pleased to relax some of the penal laws, under which you have so long and so meekly demeaned yourselves, we think it expedient to exhort you in the most strenuous manner to an uninterrupted continuance of your fidelity and allegiance to his most sacred majesty, king George the third. This is, this always was, an invariable principle and duty of our holy religion; for the precept of the Apostle, on this head is clear, explicit and absolute: "Let everyone be subject to higher powers; for there is no power, but from God; the powers that are, God has ordained. Who-soever resists the power, resists the ordinance of God." Rom. xiii. 1. Besides this obligation, which you are ever inviolably to observe, you ought, indeed, at this juncture, to be impressed with the deepest sense of gratitude, for the eminent favours already conferred upon you. By conducting yourselves, therefore, as becomes a discreet, peaceable, sober, and industrious body of people, you will not only make our most gracious legislature reflect with pleasure on the relaxation with which they have now indulged you, but may engage them hereafter, in their great goodness and bounty, to render their humane and favourable attention towards you. (D.E.P.)

15 Sept. Clonmell, Sept 7. Yesterday the right hon Lord Caher, his brother the hon — Butler, the Rev Doctor James Butler, the Rev Doctor Egan, and a considerable number of very respectable Roman Catholic gentlemen took and subscribed the oath of allegiance, before the hon. Mr Justice Henn . . . (D.E.P.)

15 *Sept.* [Adv.] A gentleman of considerable landed property, having occasion to borrow about £27,000, to pay off incumbrances affecting an estate in this kingdom, of more than double the value, is induced to offer the following scheme of a lottery . . . . If the prize ticket shall happen to be in the hands of a Roman Catholic, a reasonable time will be given to him to dispose of it, and he will be paid the interest whilst it remains with him . . . (D.E.P.)

15 *Sept.* Galway. *Sept.* 7. On Friday and Sat. a great number of the most respectable Roman Catholics of this town and county attended at the town and county halls, and there before the right hon. the Lord Chief Justice Patterson and Mr. Serj. Wood took and subscribed the oath . . . (F.J.)

1 *Oct.* The poor-boxes of Mary's-lane chapel being several times attempted to be forced open, last Saturday morning the clerk detected a lusty elderly man, who said he was a labourer, forcing one of them with a trowel; and to prevent his falling into the hands of the mob, he was sent to Newgate. (D.E.P.)

1 *Oct.* Last week a beggar-woman, seemingly above fourscore years old, was detected picking pockets at the chapel in Rosemary-lane, in the time of divine service. This superannuated veteran of iniquity was secured by the sexton, till proper notice could be taken; and, on searching her, several articles were found under a ragged waistcoat, which were laid by for those who should prove their property. After a severe reprimand, the old wretch, in compassion of her very advanced time of life, was suffered to depart. (F.J.)

6 *Oct.* Cork, *Oct.* 1. Tuesday the Hon. and Rt. Rev. Dr John Butler, titular Bishop of this diocese, and a great number of the Roman Catholic clergy belonging to this diocese and Cloyne, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance before the judges of assize; as did also above seven hundred reputable Roman Catholic ladies and gentlemen residing in this city and county, and in the counties adjacent. (D.E.P.)

13 *Oct.* Yesterday a great number of the Roman Catholic clergy, distinguished by the appellation of regulars or friars, met at the court-house at Kilmainham and took the oath of allegiance, agreeable to an act passed last session of parliament. The candour and cheerfulness with which they presented themselves to the court, and the decent, grave, and firm manner in which they uttered the oath, evinced the sincerity and uprightness of their intentions, and shewed that their principles, far from being repugnant to, tend manifestly to promote true loyalty and the well-being of

society. It must give real satisfaction to every lover of his country to see all ranks of Roman Catholics in common with the rest of their fellow subjects of those realms, so ready to testify their allegiance to his majesty ; even those above mentioned regulars, whose dispositions, many through prejudice deemed most distant from true allegiance. We see amongst the foremost in giving such a test of the soundness of their civil and religious principles as the most jealous suspicion could devise or the most cautious and circumspect government expect. (*F.J.*)

26 Oct. Died, at Castletown in the county of Westmeath, the Rev. John Fitzgerald, a Romish clergyman. (*H.J.*)

31 Oct. We are informed by a letter from Philipstown, that the parish priest having preached vehemently against the inhuman and barbarous practice of houghing, and at last pronounced a sentence of excommunication, to be incurred *ipso facto*, by any of his flock who should, for the future, be guilty of so atrocious a crime, was rewarded for his humane and honest zeal, by having a cow and a horse, which was all the cattle he was possessed of, houghed by those abandoned villains, after having received a most insolent menacing letter from them. How shocking it is, when the most earnest endeavours of the clergy, not the fear of a severe and just punishment from the civil power, can deter these wretches from their horrid practices. (*F.J.*)

10 Nov. Died in Ballingarry, the Rev Doctor Lacy. (*D.E.P.*)

10 Nov. Yesterday Doctor Carpenter, Archbishop of Dublin, at the head of seventy of his clergy, and several hundred other Roman Catholics, met at the King's Bench, and took the oath prescribed by a late act of parliament, for the relief of the Roman Catholics of this kingdom. The gracious manner in which they were received by the honourable bench appeared manifestly to be the result of that equity, moderation, and benignity which are the true ornaments of those whom Providence has placed in high stations. The whole court (those within and without the bar, who were exceedingly numerous) rejoiced to see the Roman Catholics thus rescued from the obloquy of prejudice and established in the good opinion of government and in the friendly regards of their fellow subjects. It is with pleasure we observe the spirit of conciliation diffuse itself throughout the kingdom ; nor do we wonder at it, such numbers of Roman Catholics of all ranks have taken and are daily taking the oath above mentioned, as prove irrefragably that the principles of their religion are not only consistent with, but inculcate the duties of a good citizen.



If any should still doubt of the sincerity of their loyal professions, let them consider at what time they were made. It was when our affairs in America bore the darkest aspect ; when the coasts of France most contiguous to ours swarmed with troops, and a storm from the united powers of the family of Bourbon seem ready to burst upon our heads ; it was at a time, in short, which Lord Townshend emphatically termed in the House of Lords “a tremendous period !” Let this be considered and every shadow of doubt of the loyalty of the Roman Catholics will vanish. What then should hinder the legislature from strengthening the State, by admitting so numerous and loyal a people to unite with the rest of their fellow-subjects in defending their common country, in supporting his majesty, and in maintaining the rights and dignity of the British empire ? Such an union at this time would make it indeed “a tremendous period,” not to Britain, but to her enemies ! (*F.J.*)

28 Nov. Wednesday [25] James Hanlon of Mount Bagnal in the co. Louth, gent. and Hugh Sloan of the town of Newry . . . merchant, together with a considerable number of respectable Roman Catholic gentlemen took the oaths and subscribed the declaration in his majesty’s court of the King’s Bench . . . (*F.J.*)

8 Dec. Carlow, Dec. 2. Last Sunday Elizabeth Fitzgerald renounced the tenets of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion, in the parish church of this town before the Rev. Mathew West. (*F.J.*)

28 Dec. Died, on Pimlico, the Rev. Mr. Shaw, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

## 1779

1 Jan. Died at Laughlan’s-Island, near Downpatrick, the Rev. Dr. M’Cartin, titular Bishop of Down and Connor. (*H.J.*)

5 Jan. A few days since a clergyman of the established Church attended pursuant to notice sent by one of the family to the church of Killeagh, in the county Meath, in order to inter the remains of Mr. Dominick Nugent of Prospect, in the county Cavan, a very respectable gentleman, who was a convert to the Church of England, had married a Protestant of good family and bred up his children in that faith. The funeral was attended by several respectable persons of the neighbourhood, and a number of Popish priests. The procession proceeded to the church yard with great decency, but when the clergyman attempted to officiate, he was in a most outrageous manner assaulted and prevented from doing his duty

by a riotous mob, and under an immediate necessity of saving himself by flight—then they forceably buried the body with all the usual ceremonies of the Church of Rome, contrary to the last desire of the deceased, and in opposition to the repeated remonstrances of his children. It is unnecessary to make any comment upon such violent proceedings. (*F.J.*)

9 *Jan.* On the night of the 2d instant, several persons from Ballyadams in the Queen's county, assembled at a place known by the name of High Ryebush, and after binding each other to secrecy by oath, levelled the walls of the chapel to the ground. (*D.E.P.*)

18 *Jan.* Died near Augher, the Rev. Mr. Brady, parish priest of Clogher. (*H.J.*)

3 *Feb.* Died Friday se'nnight [22] at Navan, the Rev. Christopher Fleming, parish priest of that town. (*H.J.*)

4 *Feb.* We hear, from undoubted authority, that Doctor Keefe ordered all the parish priests of Kildare and Leighlin to publish a fast on the 10th day of this month and enjoined an obligation on all his people of said dioceses, to observe that fast—for imploring the blessing of Heaven on all the forces and family of his most gracious majesty king George the third, of Great Britain, &c. and for obtaining a speedy and honourable peace all over his majesty's dominions. (*F.J.*)

8 *Feb.* Died, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Walsh, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

3 *March.* Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Charles Farrell, read his recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, at the parish church of St. Michan's. His intending sermon, containing his reasons for abjuring the Roman tenets, which he was to preach on Sunday next is deferred to the Sunday following. (*H.J.*)

4 *March.* To the Rev. Doctor Carpenter.

Sir, It is the surprise of several of your hearers, as well as those of your other fellow citizens, that you have not given to those of your communion the liberty of eating flesh-meat this Lent. If the relief of the poor was the motive of such indulgence in former Lents, surely they never wanted it more than at present, as butcher's meat and butter were some years ago at least one fourth part dearer than at present ; fresh fish now a third dearer than formerly, and salt fish double the usual price ; on account of this Black Lent (as the poor justly style it) ; and to crown their misfortunes, the poor manufacturers and tradesmen are mostly idle for want of work. Such as can get work are obliged to content themselves

with little more than half their usual prices for their labour. For God's sake, and for pity's sake, relieve the poor as much as in your power lies, and commute this Black Lent into a fair one, and thereby give your poor followers (by causing a consumption of butcher's meat in this city) an opportunity of laying out their poor earnings to the best advantage for the support of their distressed families, and give the rich the happiness of distributing messes of meat and broth to their indigent neighbours, as is usual in such cases. By doing this you will very much relieve the poor and gratify the lovers of HUMANITY. (*F.J.*)

17 *March*. So great was the crowd on Sunday last, [14] who assembled to hear the Rev. Mr. Ferral give his reasons for abjuring the tenets of the Church of Rome, that not only St. Michan's church and church-yard were immediately crowded, but all the streets, lanes and other avenues down to the Liffey, were rendered impassable. The press of people was so great in the church, that an apprehension arose, that the gallery was falling, which made several persons of both sexes throw themselves out of the windows; and it was at length thought necessary to procure a guard to surround the pulpit and defend the clergyman from the rudeness of some of the mob, who behaved ill on the occasion. Monday last, the Rev. Mr. Ferral was assaulted on the Quays opposite Church-street by some rabble who pelted him in such a manner that he was obliged to take refuge in a shop, from whence he was conveyed by one of the sheriffs. Some gentlemen assembled in Church-street, and seized one of the rioters, whom they lodged in Newgate. (*H.J.*)

27 *March*. Died, in Cook St, the Rev. Mr. Flanagan, a Romish clergyman. (*F.J.*)

3 *April*. Last Monday [29] the Rev. Doctor John Troy, with a considerable number as well of the Roman Catholic clergy, both secular and regular, of the city and county of Kilkenny, as of the laity, took the oath of allegiance . . . at our city court-house, before the Right Hon. John Scott, Attorney General, and judge of assizes. (*F.D.J.*)

8 *April*. Long letter, purporting to be from Catholics, addressed to Dr. Carpenter, asking him 'as a learned man' to reply to Ferral's sermon. A covering letter says 'a copy of the following was sent to the Rev. Dr. Carpenter's apartments, No 20 Usher's-Island, and delivered to his servant-maid on Tuesday the 23d of March. No answer has, however, been since received.' (*F.J.*)

10 *April*. Kilkenny, April 7. Saturday last, at the county

court-house, in Wexford, the Rev. Dr. John Stafford, with all the Roman Catholic clergy of the diocese of Ferns, together with a vast number of laity, took and subscribed the new oath of allegiance before the Right Hon. John Scott, his majesty's attorney general. (*F.J.*)

13 *April*. Sligo, April 6. Saturday last [3] a number of respectable Roman Catholics, inhabitants of this town and county, attended the court-house when they took the oath of allegiance, pursuant to the act of parliament, before the Rt. Hon. Prime Serjeant Burgh. (*F.J.*)

13 *April*. Last Friday [9] the Rev. Peter Roe, parish priest of Reddinstown, in the county of Meath, read his recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome. He has given the strongest proof of proceeding from a conviction of conscience, by declining the acceptance of the provision appointed by act of parliament.<sup>1</sup> (*F.J.*)

27 *April*. Died in Kildare, the Rev. Dr. Rouse, a Romish clergyman. (*D.E.P.*)

1 *May*. Yesterday, the Rev. Barnabas O'Farrel, a Capuchin friar, read his recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion, in the parish church of St. Michan's before Rev. Mr. Butler. (*F.J.*)

20 *May*. Last week some villains broke into the house of the Rev. Mr. Mulvey (a Romish clergyman) at Sandyforth near Kilgobbin in the co. Dublin, and plundered it of every article of value. That gentleman unfortunately calling one of them by name, in hopes that would make them desist, the villain gave him two desperate cuts on the neck with a large knife, but happily missed the wind pipe; he however lies dangerously ill. (*F.J.*)

1 *June*. On Wednesday last Mr. Sheriffe Moncrieffe apprehended in a house in Marlborough-street, Daniel Woods, a noted offender. He is the same who a few weeks since was detected picking pockets in Liffey-street chapel, and is most dexterous at this species of theft, insomuch that he acknowledged to the sheriff "that he had for many years made it a livelihood, and obtained a genteel support in this way." (*F.D.J.*)

1 *June*. Thursday morning [27] the Rev. Henry Flanagan, a

<sup>1</sup> See his petition, with that of eight other apostate clergy, 2 August 1780, setting forth that they, 'having no provision in the Church, have often applied for the parliamentary bounty, which has been refused through a defect in the act of parliament intended for their relief.' *Journal of the House of Commons* xx. 479. The last half-yearly payment of £20 was made to him by the Meath grand jury at the summer Assizes of 1810.



Franciscan friar, renounced the errors of the Church of Rome, in the parish church of St. Michan, before the Rev. Mr. Butler. (*F.D.J.*)

15 *June*. Kilkenny, June 12. Last Sunday, Patrick Murphy read his recantation and embraced the Protestant religion in the parish church of Lorham before the Rev. James Challoner. (*F.D.J.*)

24 *June*. Died, in New-row, on the Poddle, Mr. Reilly, a Romish clergyman. (*D.E.P.*)

3 *July*. Died in Limerick, the Rev. Mr. O'Driscoll, a Romish clergyman. (*F.L.J.*)

10 *July*. The claims of the Roman Catholics, for the damages sustained by them in the late riots, are now settled by the final arbitration of the lord advocate of Scotland and Thomas Dundas, Esq; of Castle Cary, by which the town of Edinburgh is ordered to pay the sum of 1650 l. sterling, in full of every claim that has or can be made, and for which the magistrates are to receive a discharge. There is, at the same time, to be assigned over to them, the property of the Romish chapel, as it presently stands, with the area belonging to it. This, it is thought, may be worth 5 or 600 l. so that the loss sustained by the town will not much exceed 1000 l. (*F.L.J.*)

13 *July*. Corke, July 8. Yesterday the Lord Bishop of Corke and Ross in his annual visitation at the cathedral church of St. Finbarry, and in his charge to the clergy took occasion to commend the spirit and utility of the armed societies. Nor did his lordship omit to do justice to the loyalty and merit of the Roman Catholics of this city on the late alarm of an invasion. (*F.D.J.*)

17 *July*. Though the wisdom of the legislature may not think of raising of Roman Catholic regiments either safe or political, under the countenance of a Protestant constitution, yet if the many thousands of this nation, who serve foreign powers, were encouraged to come home, allowed to follow their religious tenets, and incorporated with our regular troops, no doubt remains but we should gain an acquisition of veterans thereby, as would make the threats of our enemies of little consequence to this kingdom. (*F.L.J.*)

24 *July*. Waterford. Wednesday [21] our assizes ended, which proved a maiden one. A few, but respectable Roman Catholics took and subscribed the test oath . . . before the judges . . . (*F.L.J.*)

24 *July*. [Account of alarm at Sligo caused by a rumour that two French privateers were in the bay.] It would be unjust not to mention that on the above alarming occurrence, the titular

parish priest of the town, accompanied by a detached party of the Roman Catholics waited on the Worshipful the Provost on the parade, and on the High Sheriff, with an offer of their best services to assist their fellow subjects against the common enemy. They were politely received by each of them gentlemen, thanked and told that as occasion should require, they would be called upon. They then returned, each to his house, to wait, as they gave notice, the call of their fellow citizens. (*F.D.J.*)

28 *July*. On Thursday last, [22] a dutiful and loyal address from the Roman Catholics of Ireland to his majesty, together with one to the Lord Lieutenant, were presented to his excellency by some of the principal Roman Catholics of the kingdom. (*F.L.J.*)

7 *Aug.* At a meeting of the Drogheda Association at the Tholsel . . . the 30th July 1779, Hugh Montgomery Lyons, Esq; Mayor in the chair, several respectable Roman Catholics under signed inhabitants of the said town of Drogheda, attended, offered their assistance, and expressed their sentiments (signed by themselves) in the following words. "We the Roman Catholics under signed inhabitants of the Co. of the town of Drogheda, firmly attached to his majesty, as subjects and to the civil government of these kingdoms are ready at this critical time, (or at any time it may be necessary) to risk our lives and properties, in defence of the peace of this kingdom, against all enemies whatsoever; and we now, at a meeting of the inhabitants of Drogheda summoned for the purpose of forming an Association, tender the same in the fullest and most sincere manner. July 30th 1779.

Pat M'Gauran	James Lynch	Pat Gernon
Thomas Mathews	Nicholas Doyle	John Dardis
Pat. Bellew	Pierce Archbold	Chr. Cullen
Chr. Magran	Philip Carney	Char. Delahoyd
Nich. Dromgoole	Jordan Roche	John Dowd
James Bird	Henry Hayes	Peter Evers
Thomas Fleming	James Rice	Peter M'Evoy
Thomas Bellew	Dominick Roach	Thos. M'Evoy
Michael Connor	Thomas Cullen	Thos. Maguire
John Berrill	Edward Hall	John Levins
Pat. Marron	Francis Farrell	John Bird
Thomas Mahon	John Timmins	Casimer Dromgoole
James Lynch	Ths. M'Entagart	John Delahoyd
William Dardis	Wm. O'Brien	Pat. Mathews
John Fitzpatrick	William Skelly	
Miles Christer	Thomas Stanley	

Whereupon, it was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this Association should be given, and they are hereby given in the fullest manner, to the said Roman Catholick gentlemen, and the gentlemen of the Association also assure them, that they have the utmost confidence and most firm reliance on that zeal which they so laudably express for his majesty's person and government, a zeal at this critical time particularly acceptable and which re-bounds so highly to their honour. (*F.D.J.*)

11 Aug. The following address of the Roman Catholics of the town and county of Wexford, having been presented to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has by his excellency been transmitted to the Lord Viscount Weymouth, one of his majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

To his excellency, John Hobart, Earl of Buckinghamshire, Lord Lieutenant General and general governor of Ireland. We, his majesty's Roman Catholic subjects of the town and county of Wexford, at this alarming crisis, when the rumour of an hostile invasion renders the union of every denomination of people more particularly necessary, beg leave to renew to your excellency the assurances of our inviolable fidelity and attachment to his majesty's person and government, and of our readiness to risk our lives and fortunes in defence of his majesty's crown and the safety of this kingdom. 28th June 1779 (Signed with 147 names) (*F.L.J.*)

18 Aug. A subscription was opened on Wednesday se'nnight by the Roman Catholics of the city and county of Limerick, for the purpose of giving an additional bounty of three guineas to each man who enlists there for his majesty's service, on condition of not being sent out of this kingdom, and obtaining their discharge on the first of November 1780, when 508 guineas were subscribed for said purpose. (*F.L.J.*)

21 Aug. The following address of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the city of Kilkenny, having been presented, *ut supra*.

The humble address of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the city of Kilkenny.

We, the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the city of Kilkenny, impressed with the warmest sentiments of loyalty, beg leave to inform your excellency that we are gratefully sensible of the indulgences which the benignity of majesty, and the mildness of an enlightened age, have produced; and as we are satisfied that a conviction of our attachment to the present legal establishment as well as principles of humanity, have actuated the legislature in our behalf. We humbly request your excellency will represent

to his majesty, that he shall never be deceived in the favourable opinion entertained of us. We hold no religious doctrines adverse to his majesty's government, or incompatible with the interest of our fellow-subjects; and we pledge our lives and properties to your excellency, that in the present situation of affairs when this country is threatened with a French invasion, we will conduct ourselves in such a manner, as will fully evince our loyalty to his majesty, and satisfy our Protestant fellow-subjects, that we are united with them in a bond of mutual interest and affection, and that on this or any future emergency, we shall cheerfully take such active part as shall be required of us, to convince all daring invaders, that where the honour and glory of these kingdoms are at stake, we know no distinction of religion, but unite as British subjects in defence of his majesty's person and government.

We beg leave to request your excellency's patronage and protection which we desire no longer than our actions shall correspond with these professions of duty and attachment.

(Signed with 101 names)

(*F.L.J.*)

25 Aug. At a meeting of the Roman Catholic clergy of the diocese of Killala, on the 16th inst. it was resolved to make an offer to government of raising 500 men for his majesty's service at their own private expence; that all men would take the oath of allegiance, which the clergy were willing to do also if required. (*F.L.J.*)

31 Aug. Though the late militia act changes, entirely, the system of the old militia, it may not be unsatisfactory to our readers, to see the return made to the Secretary's Office in Dublin, at the breaking out of the late war in 1756, of the Protestants then arrayed in the several counties of the kingdom, viz.

Ulster Array		Munster Array	
Co. Armagh	9,600	Co. Clare	343
Antrim	22,536	Cork	3,067
Cavan	2,677	Kerry	683
Down	24,876	Limerick	170
Donegal	10,000	Tipperary	2,300
Fermanagh	5,096	City Waterford	800
Londonderry	11,681	City Cork	3,000
Monaghan	3,823	City Limerick	1,500
Tyrone	14,237		
Carrickfergus	650	Total	11,863
Londonderry	11,119		
Total	106,295		



Leinster and Connaught			
Co. Carlow	887	Co. Roscommon	772
Dublin	1,403	Sligo	1,025
Galway	567	West-Meath	1,239
Kildare	977	Wexford	2,001
Kilkenny	637	Wicklow	815
King's Co.	1,872	City Dublin	11,772
Leitrim	825	Drogheda	160
Longford	972	Town Galway	120
Louth	984	City Kilkenny	404
Mayo	981		
Meath	269	Total	30,609
Queen's Co.	1,927		

(F.D.J.)

2 Sept. In the last rebellion, 1745, the Bishops wrote circular letters to the clergy, desiring them to preach up love and loyalty, to shew their respective flocks, the necessity of unanimity, and of a vigorous defence of their religion and properties. Some of these letters, particularly that of Boulter, Hoadley, and Synge, were admirable !<sup>1</sup> They eminently tended to animate the people to their duty, as become free subjects ; they shewed the inestimable advantages of living under our excellent constitution, or that our religious and civil privileges can never be secure under an arbitrary administration. But at present, when our situation is much more dangerous and exposed, these Fathers in God, and spiritual Holinesses in high places are quite silent. They neither preach, write, nor subscribe, though their honours and emoluments absolutely depend on the national safety. A Crombie, and others among the Protestant Dissenters, have thrown in their free-will offerings towards the common cause ; they have published the most just and animating sentiments. An O'Leary of the Catholic communion, with a zeal and liberality that do honour to his understanding and principles, has held forth the most seasonable truths to his of the Romish Church. Strange it is, that indifference should mark the episcopal line, or that the pastors of the Church, which is so amply supported, should not distinguish themselves on so trying an occasion. Though their attachment may be supposed, yet by their fruits and subscriptions alone shall we know them. (F.D.J.)

14 Sept. Kilkenny, Sept. 11. Tuesday last was committed to the city jail, by John Watters, Esq ; Deputy Mayor, Joshua

<sup>1</sup> V. *supra*, pp. 68-72.

Whittle, charged with being a layman, and taking upon him to be, and personating a Popish priest ; and as such marrying Thomas Brenan and Anastace Tierny contrary to law ; and extorting from the said Brenan 10s. 10d. sterl. under pretence of being a Popish priest : and for marrying him as aforesaid. (*F.D.J.*)

23 *Sept.* The following was read last Sunday [19] at each of the Roman Catholic chapels in this city. As we cannot too often inculcate to you the indispensable obligation you are under of leading sober, industrious and Christian lives, by which you will acquit yourselves of every duty you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourselves ; we think it expedient at this juncture when these nations are visited by the calamity of war, to exhort you in the most strenuous manner to observe that faithful and loyal line of conduct, which will render you pleasant to government and worthy of its benign attention towards you. We also exhort you to offer up your prayers to Almighty God, that He may bless his majesty's councils, and direct his measures, so that he may speedily put a period to the miseries of war, and accomplish a peace, honourable to his crown and dignity, and advantageous to all his subjects and realms. (*F.J.*)

25 *Sept.* Died, in Limerick, the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.L.J.*)

25 *Sept.* Died, at Killala, much lamented, the Rev. F. Irvine, D.D., titular bishop of that diocese. (*F.J.*)

27 *Sept.* Died, at her lodgings in Allen's-court nunnery, Mrs. Keogh. (*F.J.*)

2 *Oct.* Died, in High-street, the Rev. Laurence Fenner, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*D.E.P.*)

11 *Oct.* The Rev. Father Shinick acknowledges to have received twenty shillings, for the poor of his parish, as directed by act of parliament, the moiety of a fine levied on Cornelius Flynn of Lyre, for cutting a tree on that part of the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Middleton's estate, in the hands of Lady Fitzgerald. (*C.H.Ch.*)

28 *Oct.* Sunday last [24] Mathew Conay read his recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion before the Rev. James Eastwood in the church of Ballymacscanlon in the diocese of Armagh. (*F.D.J.*)

23 *Nov.* Sunday [21] the following was read from the altars of the different Roman Catholic chapels of this city, at each Mass. "At a time when it has pleased Almighty God to bless this country with such a plenty of provisions, and when our legislative body are contriving means to employ the manufacturers, and improve

the trade of this kingdom, we think it expedient to remind you of the deep sense of gratitude with which you, together with the rest of your fellow-subjects, ought to be impressed for signal favours of heaven conferred upon you, and for such favourable intentions of the legislature towards you. We exhort you therefore to lead those Christian and edifying lives so strenuously insisted on by our holy religion, and to avoid mixing with any tumultuous or riotous meetings, which cannot but be highly offensive to magistracy and government, and which of consequence must draw their severest frowns and censures upon them. Our duty is to observe with invariable attention that modest and peaceful line of conduct so consonant with our tenets, and so peculiarly becoming our situation here ; and to offer up at the same time our most fervent prayers to Almighty God, that He may graciously vouchsafe to remove the calamities of war from these nations, and grant us in their stead the great and inestimable blessings of peace and tranquillity. (*F.D.J.*)

4 *Dec.* A few days ago Elizabeth Kelly read her recantation from the Church of Rome and embraced the Protestant religion in the parish church of Clonmusk, before the Rev. Wm. Patsull. (*F.L.J.*)

15 *Dec.* On Sunday last, Catherine Coghlan read her recantation from the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion in Kilmogany church, before the Rev. Thomas Candler. (*F.L.J.*)

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17 *Jan.* Died at Paris, the 13th of Dec., last, the Rev. Doctor Michael Cahill, Superior of the Irish Seminary of Lombard. (*H.J.*)

19 *Jan.* Died at Castlejordin, co. Meath, Mr. Charles Reilly, an eminent schoolmaster. (*F.L.J.*)

16 *Feb.* On Sunday the 30th day of January, Mary Clery, otherwise Connor, and Margaret Gormon, otherwise Connor, renounced Popery, and embraced the Protestant religion, before the Rev. John Baldwin, in the parish church of Rosinallis. (*F.L.J.*)

4 *March.* Thursday last [2] Michael Magrath, charged with robbing the chapel of Carrick-on-Suir . . . was transmitted hence to Clonmell . . . there to stand trial. (*F.L.J.*)

8 *March.* Lord Farnham, Thursday in the House of Lords, moved for leave to bring in heads of a bill, to permit Roman Catholics to purchase in this kingdom ; but a long conversation arising, in which several reasons were given for the inexpediency of bringing

in such a bill at this time, when there could be no time to agitate the matter; his lordship for the present, withdrew his motion. (*F.L.J.*)

18 *March*. Yesterday morning, died at his house on Summerhill, in the 78th year of his age, John Curry Esq., M.D. Added to his professional and literary merit he possessed every social virtue; he was a tender husband, an affectionate parent, sincere friend and a good citizen . . . Animated with a zeal for the reputation of Ireland, he stepped forward early in life to vindicate her history from the false and malignant charges of English writers . . . (*D.E.P.*)

8 *April*. Clonmel. Last Monday a detachment of the Clonmel Independents, under the command of Lieutenant Luther, conducted from hence to Passage near Waterford, and there delivered to the officer of the rendezvous, in order to be put on board a tender . . . notorious offenders, who at our last assizes were sentenced to the marine service, viz. Michael Magrath. (*F.L.J.*)

18 *April*. Died at Kilmacthomas, in the county Waterford, the Rev. Mr. Ash. (*D.E.P.*)

10 *May*. Died at Maryborough in the Queen's county, the Rev. Anthony French. (*F.L.J.*)

10 *June*. London June 3. The Romish chapel, in Duke-street, Lincoln's-Inn Fields, belonging to the Sardinian ambassador, was gutted by a mob of every material that could burn, which was consumed in the street, with the fine organ, an altar-piece of painting valued at two thousand pounds, and the plate deposited in the vestry . . . Another party of the mob assembled round the Romish chapel in Warwick-street, Golden-Square, which they demolished. (*F.J.*)

13 *June*. London June 5, 6, 7. This day the mob which take part with the Protestants, continued very riotous in Rope-makers-alley, Moorfields; they continued to burn every thing they could find in Chapel schoolhouse, and dwelling houses belonging to the Roman Catholic people; they took every piece of wood they could find, and burned it, the roof of the building not escaping. They pulled down a house belonging to a Roman Catholic school-master in Moorfields in about an hour this day, which, when done, some thousands went to a Popish school in Charles-square, Hoxton, where they were left when this paper went to press, in a very riotous manner. Guards are placed at the Sardinian and Bavarian ambassadors chapels, night and day. The damage done to the Sardinian chapel . . . is very considerable; the altar-piece alone,



which was demolished, was executed by the Chevalier Casali, and is said to have cost 2,500 l. About five o'clock yesterday morning, a tumultuous mob assembled at the Catholic chapel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, and in a few moments destroyed the repairs which had been made the day before, pulled up the seats, broke the chairs, threw the cushions into the street, and were proceeding to pull down the walls, but a party of the guards being detached from Somerset barracks, prevented any further acts of violence . . . Yesterday evening a large mob assembled in Little Moor-fields, and broke into the Popish chapel there, the inside of which they totally demolished, and brought the altar, images, pictures, seats, and every moveable into the streets, where they committed them to the flames. Yesterday afternoon a number of people assembled in Virginia-street, Ratcliffe Highway, and demolished two Romish-school-houses there. (*F.J.*)

13 *June*. Died at Whitehall, in the county of Dublin, the Rev. Francis Stafford. (*F.J.*)

15 *June*. Tuesday [13] the following hand-bill was dispersed through this city by the direction of the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical superiors,<sup>1</sup> to procure the entire preservation of the public peace, lest any should be unwarily engaged on any pretext whatsoever, to the smallest infraction thereof : The Clergy of the Roman Catholic communion find it incumbent on them to admonish their flock most earnestly against irregular meetings, which always disturb the peace bequeathed to us by Jesus Christ our Redeemer ; and to exhort them to a close attention to their particular occupations, more especially at this time, by which they will approve themselves deserving of the favour of a mild and generous government, and of the benevolent regard to their fellow-subjects. Charity is the chiefest token to distinguish the good Christian ; let us now give full proofs of being guided by this Holy Spirit, in obedience to the will of God, and to the law of our country. (*F.J.*)

17 *June*. Died in Limerick, the Rev. James M'Naughten, a Romish clergyman. (*F.L.J.*)

17 *June*. London June 10. It is reported that advices are received of riots in Lancashire, Cornwall, Devonshire and Wilts, and also of the pulling down of a Popish chapel at Bury. (*F.J.*)

<sup>1</sup> Fearing retaliation by the Catholics of Dublin for the outrages on their English brethren, the Attorney General called on Dr. Carpenter 'requesting he would take the most immediate and effectual measures in his power to suppress such dangerous dispositions among those over whom he had an influence.' Incidentally, an Irishman, Fr. James Dillon, had officiated at the chapel in Ropemaker's Alley since 1744. He died from shock two months after the destruction of his chapel and house.

20 *June*. London June 12, 13. On Friday night last a great riot happened at Bath. Its beginning, we hear, was quite accidental, and arose from the slightest cause. About eight o'clock in the evening, some boys were at play in St. James's parade, near the Romish chapel, when one of them threw a stone and broke one of the windows. A man who lived in an adjoining house, coming out, and reprimanding the boy, a number of people gathered together, took the boy's part, and threw the man over a wall into St. James's church-yard. They then proceeded to demolish the windows and doors, and entering the chapel, threw every thing that was moveable into the street and burnt it. While this was transacting a party of the Bath Volunteers came, armed, and endeavouring to disperse the mob; one of them fired and killed an ostler. This instead of having the desired effect, served only to enrage them still more. They immediately set fire to the chapel, which in a short time was burnt down, together with six or seven new houses adjoining, the property of Roman Catholics. (*F.J.*)

7 *July*. Some few days ago, between the hours of three and four in the afternoon, as the Rev. Mr. Barnabas O'Farrell, who some time ago renounced the errors of the Church of Rome, was walking on the north side of Britain street, a ruffian came out of a dram shop, the corner of Denmark street, crossed the way, and seizing him forcibly by the arm, said, "Farrell, I want to speak to you"; on being asked what he wanted, made answer, "by God I'll have your life." After Mr O'Farrell had disengaged himself and was about ten yards distant, the villain threw a large paving stone at him, which happily had no effect; after which he crossed the street again, and continued menacing for some minutes with stones, which he held in each hand, towards a shop into which Mr O'Farrell had retired. There were several men about the dram-shop door the whole time, who came out of it after the fellow, seemingly the companions, if not the encouragers of this desperate man; but neither they, nor the people of the shop, made the least offer to prevent him, nor would they afterwards tell who he was, though they confessed he lived in that neighbourhood and knew him. (*H.J.*)

21 *July*. Died at Dungarvan, the Rev David Farrell, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

31 *July*. Died in Stephen-street, in a very advanced age, the Rev Joseph Friend, a Romish clergyman. (*H.J.*)

9 *Aug*. Leave was given to bring in the heads of a bill for explaining an Act of the 8th of Queen Anne, intituled an Act for

preventing the further growth of Popery ; so far only as the same provides for maintenance of Popish priests conforming to the Protestant religion. The heads of the bill was then presented by Mr Crofton, ordered to be considered by a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next. (*F.L.J.*)

13 *Aug.* Limerick, August 3. Friday last, a decent dressed man, an entire stranger, was found drowned near Killaloe. It appears from papers found in his pockets that his name is James Johnson O'Brien, he had attestations of his honesty, &c. from several dignified clergyman of the Church of Rome, and was decently buried by the directions and at the expense of the worthy and Rev. James Martin, who has secured his cloaths for his friends, if any he has. (*F.L.J.*)

30 *Aug.* How very pleasing to all lovers of their country must it be to see that apathy and coolness which formerly subsisted between the Protestants and Roman Catholics of this kingdom grow into the greatest cordiality and strictest friendship ; daily instances of this occur, but the following address of the Rev. Dr. Philip M'Davett, titular Bishop and the rest of the Roman Catholic clergy of the diocese of Londonderry (thirteen in number) presented on Saturday last to Lieutenant Colonel Charleton, of the barony of Strabane Battalion of Volunteers, stamps them the men of benevolence and the friends of Ireland,—“Sensible of the services already rendered to the public by the Volunteers of Ireland, and of the advantages that may arise to the kingdom from the union of so many brave men, conducted by commanders of tried experience and known integrity and patriotism, we as members of the same community, as lovers of our fellow subjects, and friends of our country, do hereby beg the acceptance of the sum annexed to our respective names, which we gratefully offer as an acknowledgment of their services, and tender as our mite towards the expences that must necessarily attend the execution of their laudable proceedings.” The sum subscribed amounted to £39 16s. 3d. Lieutenant Colonel Charlton returned them a polite answer. (*F.L.J.*)

13 *Sept.* Waterford, September 12. Sunday morning the different volunteer corps of this city paraded at the Exchange, from whence they proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr Doyle, after which they returned to the Exchange, where they formed a circle, and voted the unanimous thanks of the different corps to Mr Doyle for his excellent sermon, and appointed a deputation to wait on him with the said thanks, and also to request he would have the sermon

printed. (*F.L.J.*)

3 Oct. Corke Sept. 29. The right hon. Lord D——<sup>1</sup> was tried at the assizes here for an assault on an old priest and his antient maid servant who he beat in a most cruel and barbarous manner. The only cause for his Lordship's vengeance was as follows:—In the parish where the priest resides, which is on his Lordship's estate, a married man living in open adultery with another man's wife, was frequently admonished, and at length excommunicated by the good old priest for obstinately continuing in his iniquity. The man complained to Lord D——. His Lordship immediately wrote to the priest, ordering him in the most arbitrary and peremptory manner to take off the excommunication. The priest humbly and modestly remonstrated, that while the man lived in open violation of the marriage vow, he could not consistently with his conscience and the laws of his Church comply with his Lordship's request. This refusal so enraged his Lordship, that he set off for the priest's habitation, and finding him at home, horse-whipped, kicked and beat him in a most unmerciful manner. The poor old woman endeavouring to defend her aged master, received, also from his Lordship the same barbarous treatment. However, to the joy of the whole court, and of all ranks of people, we have the great pleasure of informing the public, that an upright jury gave a verdict of a thousand pounds damages against his Lordship. After the trial, it is said, that Lord D—— sent an order to have every Mass-house on his estate nailed up. (*F.J.*)

4 Oct. Last Sunday se'nnight John Sheil renounced the Roman Catholic religion and embraced the Protestant in the parish church of Donoughmore, in the Queen's county, before the Rev Bartholomew Senior. (*F.L.J.*)

7 Oct. We hear that the priest, who was beat by Lord D-n——le, died the second day after the determination of the late trial. This was a most fortunate circumstance for his Lordship, as had he died previous to the trial, the affair might have been attended with much more serious consequences. Many people imagine, however, that his Lordship is still liable to be tried for his life, as the priest died within a year and a day since the beating. (*F.J.*)

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Davis, *The speeches of John Philpot Curran*, pp. xvi-xvii, calls this victory for Father Neale over Lord Doneraile 'a conquest from the powers of darkness—the first spoils of emancipation.' When every lawyer on the circuit had refused to act for the priest Curran volunteered to plead for him. Davis gives the damages awarded as thirty guineas. See also J. R. O'Flanagan, *The Munster Circuit*, pp. 122-3.



11 Oct. Died in Corke, the Rev. John Donovan, late of Ballyhooly, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

1 Nov. Died, the Rev. Mr Courtney, a Romish clergyman, belonging to Bridge-street chapel. (*H.J.*)

1 Nov. Died in Chapel-alley, Cook street, the Rev. Mr Molloy, a clergyman belonging to the Friary of Adam and Eve. (*H.J.*)

3 Nov. Yesterday morning, the Rev. Mr Boylan, a Romish clergyman, died of wounds he received on Sunday night the 15th ult. in Anglesea street, from three villains. We hear two of them have been since secured and lodged in Newgate. (*H.J.*)

8 Nov. Cork Nov. 5. Monday the body of the Rev. Mr Costello was found on the high road near the Dinan, where it is supposed he was killed by a fall from his horse the preceding night, as he was returning home. (*F.L.J.*)

30 Dec. Died at Lavally, co. Galway, Rev. Dr Peter Lynch, a Franciscan friar. (*F.L.J.*)

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8 Jan. Died near Ballinagh, co. Cavan, the Rev. Cornelius Reilly. (*H.J.*)

16 Jan. A recommendation was published on Sunday [14] from the altars of the Roman Catholic chapels in this city, to excite the benevolence of the different congregations towards the relief of their unhappy brethren in the West Indies and pointing out the different places where they should leave their charitable contributions. (*F.J.*)

20 Jan. Last week a number of villains, armed with swords and pistols, broke into the house of the Rev. Mr. O'Shaughnassy and the Rev. Mr. M'Daniel, two Roman Catholic priests, near Newbridge, co. Kildare, and stripped them not only of their cash and wearing apparel, but every article of household furniture. The principal promoter of the above robberies, we hear, is a woman who lived in that neighbourhood. She attended on these occasions in a sailor's dress, with a black crape over her face, and a long knife in her hand. The gentlemen in that part of the country are making the most diligent search after the offenders. (*F.J.*)

23 Jan. [Arrest of Murren, one of the above robbers]. The miscreants who committed these robberies particularly merit the severest punishment; for not content with a considerable booty, they burnt all the books, scattered the bread for consecration about

the floor, and did many other acts of the most disorderly nature. (F.J.)

24 Jan. Died in Waterford, the Rev. Michael Fitzgerald, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (H.J.)

27 Jan. Died at Dundalk, in the 80th year of his age and 56th of his ministry, the Rev. Dominick Thomas, many years titular prior of Carlingford. (F.J.)

29 Jan. Died in Cork, the Rev. Doctor Daniel O'Brien, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (H.J.)

7 Feb. Died in Chapel-alley, Cook street, the Rev. Mr. Mahon, a Romish clergyman. (H.J.)

19 Feb. Yesterday [11] the Rev. Patrick Mulconry, a Popish priest, read his recantation from the errors of the Church of Rome, and embraced the Protestant religion, in the cathedral church of Killaloe, before the Rev. James Martin. (H.J.)

28 Feb. Died at Passage, near Waterford, the Rev. Thomas Hogan, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (H.J.)

1 March. To the COMMITTEE for conducting the FREE PRESS.

An Instruction addressed to the Roman Catholics of the Diocese of Meath, and ordered to be publicly read in the Roman Catholic Chapels of the principal towns of said Diocese, as a Preparation for the General Fast ordered on Wednesday the 21st ult.

The Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland having by Proclamation commanded, that, upon Wednesday the 21st day of the present month of February, a public Fast and Humiliation should be observed throughout the kingdom, &c. &c. We, therefore, do appoint, that a public Fast, such as the laws of the Roman Catholic Church prescribe, be observed by the Roman Catholics of the Diocese of Meath, on Wednesday the 21st of the present month of February; and we ordain, that it be a day of humiliation and penance for appeasing the anger of God, provoked by our manifold sins and transgressions; a day of prayer and supplication, for imploring a special blessing on his Majesty's arms both by sea and land, and for restoring and perpetuating peace, safety and prosperity to his Majesty and his kingdoms.

Persuaded, my dear brethren, that you are animated with sentiments of unshaken loyalty to your Sovereign, and inviolable attachment to the welfare of your country, it is with the greatest confidence we call upon you to unite, on this solemn occasion, with your fellow subjects of every denomination.

The sincere desire you constantly profess of demonstrating these

sentiments in the most unequivocal manner, anticipates our warmest wishes ; and, because it is your duty, we know it is your ambition to improve for that purpose every opportunity that offers.

You are Christians—you are subjects. As Christians, the rule of your duty, in cases like the present, is obvious and simple. Above seventeen hundred years ago St. Paul laid it down for the instruction of succeeding ages. Writing to his beloved disciple Timothy, 1 Ep. 2 ch. he desires, “ first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for Kings, and for all that are in high ambition, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and charity. For this is good, says the Apostle, and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.” To pray for our Princes, is a capital part of the honour which we are commanded to give them, and is so much insisted upon in the word of God, particularly by the same St. Paul, Rom. xiii c. and by St. Peter, 1 Ep. 2 c. It cannot be imagined, that the truth of the doctrine delivered by these inspired writers, depended on the religious opinions of the princes or subjects to whom they alluded. A standard of civil allegiance so uncertain and invariable, and therefore so dangerous to the peace of the world, could never be thought of by such lovers of order, and such friends to society. In imitation of their Heavenly master, they left the temporal dominion established as they found it, independent of religious opinions. They knew that the difference of religion changed not the relation between subject and Prince. St. Paul pronounced without distinction. That his injunction to Timothy was strictly complied with in the first and purest ages of the church, is beyond exception clear from the monuments of ecclesiastical history. The Christians of these golden days prayed as fervently, as they fought courageously, for Princes of a different persuasion, even when they were persecuted by them. Their practice stands recorded : it must be admitted while superior virtue claims admiration ; and will be imitated while there lives Roman Catholics, who contemplate with generous emulation the bright examples of primitive times.

If war and the calamities that attend it be scourges, employed by Almighty God for the punishment of prevaricating nations, is it not just and wise to prostrate ourselves in the profoundest humility before him, and to endeavour to disarm his vengeance by the most speedy, the most serious and fervent expiation of our faults ? This expiation regards as many as are guilty—and who is not guilty ?—Roman Catholicks constitute a very con-

siderable part of the inhabitants of this Kingdom. Great therefore must be their share of the general depravity. In proportion to our numbers, we have contributed to national guilt: In the same proportion, let us contribute to national repentance.

As subjects, my dear brethren, you are members of the great political body which forms this kingdom. Innumerable bonds of mutual dependance, mutual necessity, good offices and friendship, connect you with the other members of every persuasion, belonging to this political body. The same laws indiscriminately protect the property, the lives of all, against foreign invasion and domestic plunder. Not one temporal advantage or blessing do we enjoy, which is not derived to us from our quality of subjects, seated under the shelter of lawful dominion and civil authority. Yet much as we are indebted to our external coalition as a people, infinitely more should we owe to it, did internal concord cement every part of the whole. What union and concurrence of parts are to one and the same body natural, concert and harmony of minds are to one and the same body-politic. Let us then strive to be more united, in order to be more happy.

In society, the general felicity of the state, and particular interest of the subject, are for the most part inseparable. As public happiness, circulating in a thousand different streams, flows more or less within the reach of the remotest and obscurest individuals, so public distress, equally unrestrained in its course, rebounds from the empire at large with a proportion of havock and mischief on every member of the community. Consult yourselves, consult religion—you cannot be indifferent, unfeeling, when the dangers of war surround and threaten the society, to which by so many ties you belong; and, with the rest of whose members, you are melted down together, and compose the same social, indivisible body.

However divided we may be in religious opinions, we are but one people, we have but one King, one country—to this country, to this gracious King you owe every duty that loyal and faithful subjects can perform. They do not command you to quit the plan of your birth, to brave dangers by land and sea, and to spill for their sake the last drop of your blood,—but they desire, that humbling yourselves for your own sins and those of the nation, you will send up your supplications to the God of Hosts, beseeching him to pardon our offence, to stretch forth his almighty arm for our protection in this time of peril and alarm; and to restore and perpetuate peace, safety and prosperity to his Majesty and



his kingdoms.

Heaven forbid the warmth of your wishes for the common cause should be chilled by the loyal restrictions and penalties, imposed at distant periods on those of your communion ! Penalties and restrictions incomparably more grievous, afforded no pretext for disaffection to the first professors of our holy religion ; those men, whom you wish to resemble, to whose glorious example we shall always invite you to look back with veneration and reverence, whatever self-love, pride, unchristian impatience, and a contracted view of the ways of providence may suggest to the contrary you cannot go astray while you follow such guides.

But the penalties and restrictions you labour under are not the work of your present humane, beneficent legislators : nor have they been levelled at the present unoffending and dutiful generation of Roman Catholics. In times of turbulence and public commotion they were looked upon as necessary. These times are past. Former rigours are softened under the auspices of the best of Kings and an enlightened Parliament. Toleration smiles on every description of Christians ; and its apostles are some of the first characters in the nation. If the sword of legal penalty still remains unsheathed, we behold it without dismay—no arm brandishes the naked weapon ; it hangs harmless over our heads, with its edge averted from us. Universal benevolence and clemency dawn all around : in public, in private, we felt their gracious and friendly operation. The legislature by indulgence, and our Protestant fellow-subjects by kindness and generosity prove their good will : is it not our duty to make every return that gratitude, that loyalty can inspire ? Let us then love our King, our country, our fellow-subjects of every denomination : let this love break forth in affectionate wishes not less cordially formed than publicly avowed.

To extinguish jealousies among his Majesty's Irish subjects of different persuasions, was the liberal, the benevolent intention of government in proposing a new oath of allegiance. Roman Catholics, both clergy and laity, took it in this diocese, and by taking it, contracted a peculiar obligation of co-operating with the liberality, the wisdom and benevolence of their rulers. Happy ! could our feeble efforts in any degree promote so desirable an end ! Happy ! could our words or example help to propagate and diffuse that confidence and friendship, which banish jealousy which link together as brothers, the subjects of the same Prince, the natives of the same country, and dispose them in the various

stations, in which Providence has placed them, to think and to act, as one man confederate for the general good ! Your actions are the test of your manner of thinking—by these must you continue to prove, that on a day of trial and emergency you might be confided in. May your chearfulness and unanimity in praying for the prosperity of your sovereign and his kingdoms, and in celebrating the day, set apart for so christian a purpose, at once demonstrate to the world the unfeigned union of the Roman Catholics and Protestants of Ireland, and frustrate such hopes of our enemies, as an appearance of disunion and division amongst us might induce them vainly to entertain !

Navan, Feb. 10.

(F.J.)

3 *March*. Died at Castlecomer, the Rev. Michael Kealy, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (D.E.P.)

15 *March*. Died, the Rev. Arthur O'Neill, a Romish clergyman. (D.E.P.)

17 *March*. A question of the utmost consequence to the Roman Catholics of this kingdom . . . will be agitated at the next assizes at Trim, namely, whether under the Popery law in force in this kingdom, a judgment creditor, being a Roman Catholic, can recover by *elegit* out of the estate of him against whom the judgment was obtained.<sup>1</sup> (F.J.)

24 *March*. Died at Kilmacow, co. Kilkenny, the Rev. Dennis Corcoran, a Romish clergyman. (F.J.)

14 *April*. Wednesday a fellow was committed to Newgate for robbing the poor box belonging to the chapel in Mary's lane. (F.L.J.)

2 *May*. Died in Limerick, the Rev. Mr. O'Riordan, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (F.L.J.)

26 *May*. On Sunday the 13th inst. at Mullingar, Mr. John Kiernan renounced the errors of Popery . . . . (H.J.)

13 *June*. Died in Stephen's street, the Rev. Mr. Fitzherbert, a Romish clergyman. (H.J.)

17 *July*. The following notice has been published, addressed to the Volunteers to be reviewed in Derry on the 26th and 27th of July inst . . . . The Rev. Dr. Philip M'Davit, titular Bishop of the diocese of Derry, having been pleased to deposit the sum of £39 16s. 3d. (being subscription from himself and the clergy of his diocese), for the use of the Volunteers, which sum having received the Doctor's approbation for being expended in purchasing gun-powder . . . (F.J.)

<sup>1</sup> See *Arch. Hib.*, ix. 57-8.

4 *Aug.* Last week as the Rev. Mr. O'Neil of Leleragh in the county of Kerry, was riding to answer a call of duty, he was unfortunately flung from his horse and killed on the spot. (*F.J.*)

13 *Aug.* Died, the Rev. John Noonan, parish priest of Fermoy. (*H.J.*)

17 *Sept.* Died in Kilkenny, the Rev. Thomas Lalor, parish priest of Owning. (*H.J.*)

17 *Sept.* The following exhortation was read at the Roman Catholic chapels in the city of Cork, by order. The Roman Catholics of this city are earnestly exhorted to maintain at all times, but particularly now when we are threatened by foreign enemies, a peaceable behaviour, and show their zeal and loyalty to his present majesty and government. They are to consider the military, that has been sent here for our defence, as their best friends and protectors; and so far from quarreling with them, we strenuously exhort you to cherish and use them with every civility in your power, that by this and every demonstration, all our enemies may see that only one interest unites us, and that we are ready to sacrifice our lives and fortunes in support of this common cause. (*C.E.P.*)

1 *Oct.* Died in Galway, the Rev. Bartholomew Walsh, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

16 *Oct.* Died at Randalstown, aged 72, the Rev. James White. (*D.E.P.*)

17 *Oct.* Died in Thurles, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Meagher, formerly of the Popish religion.<sup>1</sup> (*H.J.*)

29 *Oct.* Died, yesterday morning, in an advanced age, the Rev. Dr. Richard Reynolds, parish priest of Lazar's hill for nearly fifty years; a clergyman, whom the purity of his morals, the rectitude of his intentions, the extent of his charities, the favour of his piety, and zeal in the discharge of his pastoral functions, have recommended him to the esteem and veneration of an extensive flock. (*H.J.*)

31 *Oct.* On the night of the 23rd instant, as the Rev. Mr. Minagh, parish priest of Kilmore, near Cavan, was riding home, his horse unfortunately threw him into a small drain of water, where he was found drowned next morning. (*H.J.*)

1 *Nov.* Dublin. 30 *Oct.* This day the remains of the late Richard Reynolds, D.D., Vicar General under the titular Archbishop of Dublin, and upwards of fifty years parish priest of Lazar's hill chapel, was interred with great solemnity at Swords. He was

<sup>1</sup> *V. supra*, pp. 121-2.

a gentleman much respected in civil society, of great piety, of uncommon attention to the obligations of his profession, and of unbounded charity. After possessing one of the best livings in the diocese for half a century, he reserved not as much of his income from the poor, as would purchase him a coffin. His grateful parishioners after paying every mark of respect to his venerable remains intend raising an elegant monument to his memory. (*C.H.Ch.*)

31 *Dec.* Died in Limerick, the Rev. Thomas McGrath, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

1782

5 *Jan.* As the popery laws will speedily be thoroughly revised, it is much to be regretted, says a correspondent, that the legislature do not think of qualifying Roman Catholics to serve in the army, and to give commissions to such gentlemen of that persuasion who would offer to purchase, and express a desire of serving in their native rather than a foreign country.

The political emperor of Germany never asked the gentlemen of Ireland, who are in his service, what religion they are of. Were the Roman Catholics of this kingdom suffered to incorporate themselves in our regiments, under the toleration of professing their religion, an army of many thousand men might immediately be raised, and many brave officers be prevented from fighting against us under the banners of our natural enemies. (*F.L.J.*)

5 *Feb.* Sunday [3] the following exhortation was read from the altars of all the Romish chapels in this city.

When war or other public calamities visit a nation, it is highly incumbent on the members of the community to humble themselves in presence of Almighty God and beseech His divine majesty to avert His anger from them. The distresses which these nations have felt from the scourge of war, we may justly apprehend, have been occasioned by our grievous and manifold sins, which have provoked the divine justice to visit us with these afflictions. It is therefore necessary, that we prostrate ourselves in the presence of an offended God, and make use of those means which religion dictates, as most efficacious to appease His wrath. Fasting, prayer and alms deeds, performed with a truly penitential spirit, have been always found effectual in such junctures of calamity. Let us then in a particular manner, practice those pious and meri-



torious works on Friday next (the day appointed by the government for this purpose) and at the same beseech the Almighty God to bless the councils, and direct the measures of our most gracious sovereign king George the 3d ; so that he may be able to accomplish a speedy and effectual peace, honourable to his crown and dignity, and advantageous to all his subjects. (*F.J.*)

14 *March*. Died at Ballymote, the Rev. Philip Duffey, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

*April*. Belfast, March 22. The revd Hugh O'Donnel, parish priest of Belfast, last Sunday exhorted his congregation to Christian and brotherly love to all men. He said that Roman Catholics had long looked to government for a relaxation of those laws that prevented them to be of use to their king and country ; that the legislation had at last heard their complaints and were likely to grant them relief, for which they should be for ever willing to give every testimony of gratitude and allegiance. That some had been so ignorant as to think a relaxation of the penal laws would be disagreeable to their dissenting brethren ; in confutation of which, he read a declaration of the presbytery of Bangor, and said that all the encomiums he could pass on its liberality of sentiments, were not equal to its merits ; that he read it to acknowledge the candour of the presbytery, and his ardent desire that his congregation, and all the Roman Catholics of Ireland, would become as sensible of the sincerity of this declaration as he was, which he hoped would remove unhappy prejudices that but too long subsisted among the people of Ireland, and make them unite in one common cause, as true and faithful Irishmen, for the good of their king and country. (*H.M.*)

6 *April*. Died at Nenagh . . . the Rev. Joseph Whyte, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

2 *May*. Died, Thomas Donovan, Esq., of North Lowertown in West Carbery. He left the bulk of his large fortune to the Rev. Mr. Walsh, coadjutor in the parish of Skull, and his well chosen library of some thousands of volumes, a gold watch, and a gold-headed cane to the Rev. James Crowley, priest of the above parish. (*F.J.*)

13 *June*. [Letter to the Duke of Portland, referring to "the offer of the Irish Senate to raise twenty thousand men for the service of England."<sup>1</sup>] . . . Should twenty thousand men be raised in this kingdom, upon a due estimate, fifteen thousand of them must be Roman Catholics . . . Little can it be expected

<sup>1</sup> See *Arch. Hib.*, ix. 75-8 ; Cogan, *Diocese of Meath*, iii. 57-8.

that numerous bodies of men who forfeit the rights of citizens for the sake of their religion will expose their lives for the pay of a common soldier, or common sailor, in the army or navy of any prince who will not grant them the free exercise of it? I know that a recruiting serjeant with a pair of beads on the top of his spear, *promising free exercise of religion, good pay, plenty of punch, and the happiness of sleeping soundly in the bed of honour*, will decoy now and then a few idlers. But what is this refuse of the community in comparison of thousands and tens of thousands of gallant men to be raised upon an emergency? Men who have often seen the Catholic soldier running the gantlop, and receiving five hundred lashes, with his beads about his neck, for no other reason but that of counting them, whilst *his comrades were cursing*.

The Catholic soldier tied to the main-mast and flogged for not joining on Sundays, in a worship to which he is an entire stranger, at the boatswain's voice summoning the *pious crew to prayers*. Cruelties exercised by the orders of barbarous officers, authorized by unpolitic laws! Such a *monstrous military discipline*, unknown in any civilized and political state (England excepted), will ever be an invincible obstacle to the raising of any considerable body of men in Ireland, until effectually removed . . . .(F.J.)

6 July. Died on Thursday [4], in Walkin-street, the Reverend Constantine M'Daniel of the South Gate chapel, Cork. (F.L.J.)

17 July. Limerick, July 8. Yesterday an exhortation was read in all the Roman Catholic chapels throughout this city, desiring all deserters who may now be in this neighbourhood to surrender themselves to his majesty's most lenient government; also recommending such persons who have not a visible way of bread, to join recruiting parties, now beating up for volunteers. (F.L.J.)

15 Aug. Died at Carrigbrick near Fermoy . . . the Rev. Mr. Martin Skerret Tracy, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (F.J.)

24 Sept. Londonderry, Sept. 17. A liberal subscription is now raising among the Protestant gentlemen and inhabitants of Glendermot, in order to enable the Roman Catholics of said parish to erect a place of worship for themselves. Surely such frequent instances of generosity and benevolence must beget in the minds of our Catholic brethren a sincere disposition to banish all religious prejudices, and, by cultivating every social affection, render the people of Ireland an united, and happy, and a powerful nation. (F.J.)

28 *Sept.* Died at Ballyragget, the Rev. Mr. Phelan. (*F.J.*)

28 *Sept.* Died at Kilkenny, the Rev. Thomas Quirk. (*F.J.*)

7 *Oct.* Died at Lower Glanmire, in the county of Cork, in an advanced age, the Rev. Mr. Finn, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

7 *Oct.* Died at Clanbrone, in the county of Mayo, the Rev. Daniel O'Donnell, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

3 *Nov.* Died, in Drogheda, the Rev. Mr. Nowlan, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

14 *Nov.* Sometime last Christmas, the Rev. Dr. Carpenter, titular Archbishop of Dublin, hearing of the distress of the Rev. Mr. McCausland, most generously gave him a certain sum of money as a temporary relief . . . Shortly after . . . a poor Popish priest, in dread of persecution, was obliged to flee from Scotland and took refuge in this city . . . hearing of this, Dr. Skelton a few mornings afterwards waited on the bishop and requested his acceptance of a small trifle of cash for the use of a poor man. The bishop received the charity sailed up in a letter, and on examining the contents, to his surprise, he finds the priest to be the object of compassion the Doctor had in view, and the sum here given exactly to be equal to that sent by the bishop for the use of poor McCausland. (*G.E.P.*)

23 *Nov.* Died, the Rev. Richard Talbot, aged 88, a clergyman of the Church of Rome, belonging to John's-lane chapel. (*F.J.*)

28 *Dec.* Died at Tubrid, in the co. Tipperary, the Rev. Maurice Condon, parish priest of said place. (*F.J.*)

1783

2 *Jan.* [Adv.] Brunswick-street Academy (licensed according to act of Parliament). The Rev Edmond Keating, assisted by gentlemen well qualified for the purpose, will open an Academy on Monday the 17th of February, in Brunswick-street, for the education of youth, where they may learn, at the quarterly salary of one guinea, and a guinea at commencement, any one or two of the following languages, viz. Greek, Latin, Italian, French of Spanish . . . The strictest attention shall be paid to their morals . . . The Rev. Arthur O'Leary will attend the Academy and teach rhetoric with other branches of the Belles Lettres, at ten guineas a year, as soon as there shall be a sufficient number

of students well versed in the classicks. Cork. Jan. 27, 1783. (*C.H.Ch.*).

28 Jan. Last Sunday [26] the corps of Dublin Independent Volunteers attended a charity sermon at the Romish chapel on Lazer's-hill preached by the Reverend Doctor Fleming. The affection at present subsisting between all religious denominations in this united and happy nation is not only a striking testimony of the liberality of its inhabitants, but a pleasing presage of future prosperity. (*D.E.P.*)

25 Feb. Died in Galway, the reverend Francis Martin, superior of the order of Franciscan friars. (*F.L.J.*)

11 March. Died at Dangan, the Rev. Pierce Crea, parish priest of Kilmacow. (*D.E.P.*)

17 March. Cork. This day a number of Volunteers of the different corps of this city attended at the chapel of the Rev. Mr. O'Leary, chaplain to the Irish Brigade, where this gentleman . . . preached an excellent sermon suitable to the day. [Long summary]. (*C.H.Ch.*)

19 April. Died the Rev. Mr. O'Mara<sup>1</sup> of Mary's lane chapel, (*D.E.P.*)

26 April. Died at Leighlin-bridge, the Rev. Paul Cullen, many years parish priest of that place. (*D.E.P.*)

3 June. Died in Meath-street, the Rev. Dr. Bermingham, many years parish priest of St. Catherine's. (*D.E.P.*)

7 June. Died at Galway, on the 29th inst. in the 84th year of his age, the right Rev. Dr. Peter Kilkelly,<sup>2</sup> titular Bishop of Kilmacduagh; a prelate eminent for piety and learning. (*D.E.P.*)

7 June. Died in Waterford, the Rev. John St. Leger, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*D.E.P.*)

21 June. Died in Cork, the Rev. Edward Crowley, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*D.E.P.*)

16 July. Died in Cork, the Rev. Patrick Hayes, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.J.*)

13 Sept. Died in Kilkenny, the Rev. Wm. Fitzpatrick, parish priest of Rathkieran. (*D.E.P.*)

2 Oct. Died at Liffey-street chapel, in the 87th year of his age, the Rev. Mr. Jennings. He had been curate of said place upwards of 50 years. (*F.D.J.*)

11 Nov. Died in Kilkenny, the Rev. Cornelius Delany,<sup>3</sup> parish priest of Ballycallen. (*D.E.P.*)

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Arch. Hib.*, i. 58.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. *Arch. Hib.*, xvi. 98.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. *Arch. Hib.*, i. 72



18 *Nov.* Died, Rev. Marcus Mansfield, parish priest of Burnchurch, aged 90. (*D.E.P.*)

29 *Nov.* Died at Castlelyons, near Cork, the Rev. Dr. Quinn. (*D.E.P.*)

1784

7 *Jan.* Died at Skibbereen, the Rev. Robert M'Grath, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*H.J.*)

12 *Feb.* Died at Stephen St. the Rev. Stephen Dowdall,<sup>1</sup> a clergyman of the Church of Rome, and a superior of the order of Carmelite friars. (*D.E.P.*)

12 *Feb.* [*Adv.*] The Rev. Mr. Shinnick, thinks it incumbent on him, in behalf of his parishioners, to testify in this public manner their gratitude to George Sealy, Esq., of Bandon, who has generously given them rent free, the lot of ground on which their western chapel is built. This disinterested conduct to a poor distressed set of people claims his and their sincere acknowledgment. Bandon, Feb. 12. (*C.H.J.*)

24 *Feb.* Died at Moncktown, the Rev. James Cunningham, parish priest of Passage. (*D.E.P.*)

25 *Feb.* Died in Limerick, the Rev. Thomas O'Brien, a clergyman of the Church of Rome. (*F.L.J.*)

25 *Feb.* Died in Galway, the Rev. Francis Martin, superior of the Franciscan friars. (*F.L.J.*)

4 *March.* Yesterday, during the celebration of Vespers in Meath st chapel, a young man, decently dressed, was detected in carrying off one of the candlesticks belonging to the altar. A party of the police was sent for, who conducted him to the new jail. On this morning, some nefarious wretch stole the chalice from John's-lane chapel, previous to the priest officiating first prayers, and escaped with the sacrilege, but was taken in Dirty-lane, by a party of the police, and lodged in the new prison. (*E.M.*)

15 *March.* [*Adv.*] Being appointed parish priest in the room of the Rev. James Cunningham, and apprehensive that the parish chapel of Shanbally of which his house is a wing, may by any other tenant, be shut up, I think it incumbent on me to lay the following circumstances before the public. The Rev. Mr. Henerty who rented the place for twenty-five years, at half a guinea per

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Arch. Hib.*, i. 60,

acre, left it by his will, in exclusion of his nephew, to the Rev. James Cunningham, as his successor in the care of the parish. Some time after this a friend of Mr. Cunningham obtained for him, a renewal of his lease, in consideration of this very chapel, at the rent of one guinea per acre. Mr. Cunningham, as can be averred on oath, was often heard to declare, that he in turn would leave the place to the clergyman appointed to succeed him; but was suddenly deprived of his senses and continued in this melancholy state until he died. (The value of the ground is from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  guineas to 40s. per acre . . . ) . . . but I as entitled to a preference may have it, they say at three guineas. William Coppinger. (*C.H.Ch.*)

18 *March*. Died in Castle st, the Rev. Mr. Field,<sup>1</sup> many years parish priest of Rosemary lane chapel. (*H.J.*)

30 *March*. Died in Athlone, the Rev. Remidius Fallan, parish priest of that town. (*D.E.P.*)

26 *April*. Cork. Last Wednesday [21] the indisposition of Miss Nagle was announced in the sorrowing countenances of the poor of this city, to whom she was the best of benefactors and patronesses. She died this day about noon and truly indescribable is the extreme of universal lamentation for the departure of a lady possessed of all that merit which for many years rendered her the object of unexampled admiration and acquired her the most unlimited esteem of all ranks of people. She died in the 65th year of her age. (*C.H.Ch.*)

1 *May*. Died in Cork, in the 68th year of his age, the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Baron, D.D., late of the Society of Jesus. (*D.E.P.*)

4 *May*. Died in Galway, the Rev. Dr. James Higgins of the order of St. Francis. (*D.E.P.*)

4 *May*. Died on the 25th ult. the Rev. Dr. Terence O'Reilly of Castleraghan. (*D.E.P.*)

22 *May*. Between four and five o'clock on Thursday morning 20 a dreadful fire broke out, by what means is unknown, in the chapel of New Abbey, near Kilcullen, county Kildare, which entirely destroyed the same, with all the ornaments of the altar; the flames communicated to the mill and three adjoining houses, which were also destroyed. (*D.E.P.*)

24 *May*. Cork. Died at Rossa, the 16th inst. the Rev. John Cotter, parish priest of Doneraile, aged eighty-four years. He discharged the several duties of his office for the space of near

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Arch. Hib.*, i. 59,

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